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President's Message

The Birds of Illinois and Climate Change

It's Election Day as I write this, and one subject has been conspicuous by its absence in all the pre-election frenzy. That subject is the reality (or unreality) of climate change.

In late October I was a panelist in a session during an all day Illinois State Bar Association seminar on Wildlife, Renewable Energy and Climate Change: Critical Legal Issues.

Our panel discussed Lake Michigan Offshore Wind Energy Development: The Advisory Council Report is In; Unanswered Questions as to Impacts on Wildlife Remain. The three panelists (myself included) had been appointed by Gov. Quinn to serve as part of a 26 member Advisory Council, charged with producing a report detailing the feasibility of (and obstacles to) placing wind turbines in Illinois' Lake Michigan waters. That report was issued in June 2012 and is available for review at: http://www.cityofevanston.org/sustainability/renewable_energy/LMOWEFinalReport62012.pdf

My focus was on pointing out the issues of concern relating to passerine birds migrating over the lake, as well as waterfowl wintering on the lake. Those same concerns are reflected in the above report, and I hope I held my own as an advocate for the birds and bird conservation during the panel discussion.

That being said, some of the other sessions provided reminders of the significant impacts, short and long term, which may affect our state's community of birds. One powerful image, referenced by several panelists, was the change in climate here in Illinois should the various models for climate change prove to be accurate. Illinois' climate in 2100 is projected to be much the same as that of east Texas today. Does that mean we'll have Painted Buntings gracing our feeders? That'd be nice, but it also may mean many of our current regularly occurring species will no longer be present in the state.

So what's being done? Happily, the US Fish & Wildlife Service, along with numerous state wildlife agencies have been collaborating since 2000 on developing Wildlife Action Plans. Recently, The Climate Change Wildlife Action Plan Guidance Document provided voluntary guidance for state fish and wildlife agencies wanting to incorporate the impacts of climate change on wildlife and their habitats into WAPs. Here in Illinois, efforts via the IDNR, TNC and other groups resulted in ongoing revisions to the Illinois WAP, focusing on implementing adaptive management strategies to lessen the impact of climate change on all our state's wildlife.

This takes funding, and that's where we can help, by advocating for the birds and other wildlife to our elected officials, starting by demanding they stop the bleeding, and provide significant transfusions of dedicated funding back into the IDNR budget.

Who knows, hurricane Sandy's impact on the East Coast may once again get climate change on the table in our political arena. Tom Skilling, the well-known meteorologist for the WGN network of stations, actually referred to planetary warming in describing recent weather patterns. If Tom says it, will the public and the politicians listen? Will the funds be there to help our wildlife cope and survive with our help? I hope so!

Robert Fisher

Letter from the Editor

Of IORC reports and volunteers

Over the years, IOS has had many loyal authors and editors who continue to work on the many reports you see in *Meadowlark*: From the seasonal reports, to the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee report to the Spring Bird Count and Christmas Bird Count.

One of the most loyal has been Doug Stotz, a conservation biologist at The Field Museum. He's been bringing readers both the fall field notes and IORC reports for many years. Though Doug promises to stay involved with IOS, he's stepping down from that post and handing over the job of IORC recording secretary to Paul Sweet. We're grateful to Doug for his many years of service, and also grateful to Paul, who will take on this new role as well as continue compiling the Christmas Bird Count, which you'll see in the next issue.

Our interim field notes compiler for fall needs no introduction – he's Dave Johnson and we're lucky he's stepped in to help. He's also working on two great articles for the next issue as well.

The same dedicated volunteers step in again and again to keep IOS and the Meadowlark going. It's heartwarming, but also worrisome. We need more volunteers – not just the same people all the time. So I'm asking if you have it in your heart, as an IOS member, to write a short field guide to your favorite place to bird and email it to me so we can bring that back into the journal. It's a feature I know many of you would like to see again, so why not contribute to the cause?

For an example, you can see the last issue's one page feature on the Jane Addams trail. Could some of you do the same thing? Of course you can, and I'll help. Just call me at 847-566-4846 or email me at sheryl.devore@comcast.net.

I'm waiting to hear from you – and in the meantime, I'm enjoying editing Doug's last IORC report, particularly the Mountain Bluebird entry. Did you get to see one of those birds that graced our state last fall? I hiked through the dunes and across a cold creek at Illinois Beach State Park to get my first for the state – reading about it brings back great memories.

Have a safe and happy holiday season – may your gifts be birds in the sky.

Sheryl DeVore

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Matt McKim-Louder created the front and back cover spread depicting four rare birds that visited Illinois last fall. See if you can identify all four of the species. An experienced birder and scientist, Matt is pursuing his doctorate at the University of Illinois. Matt is studying Brown-headed Cowbird parasitism of Prothonotary Warbler in southern Illinois.

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Does body condition explain patterns of songbird density in response to urbanization?

By Jason D. Fischer and James R. Miller

Introduction

Urbanization is radically altering the structure of wildlife communities and the processes that create them (Shochat et al. 2006). The number and evenness of native species generally decline while exotics increase in abundance as landscapes become increasingly developed (McKinney 2006). The resulting urban communities are similar to each other, suggesting that the mechanisms shaping community structure are not only different from those acting on wildlife in undeveloped landscapes, but are also consistent across cities (McKinney 2006).

Shochat (2004) proposed such a mechanism to explain the increases in community abundance often observed in cities compared to adjacent wildlands. He suggested that food resources are more abundant and predictable with increasing urbanization while predation pressure declines. As a result, poor-quality individuals that would otherwise be depredated or starve to death are able to survive, inflating population densities. He called his proposal the credit card hypothesis, because individuals in poor condition were able to survive only because they lived on the credit of future food availability (Shochat 2004).

Shochat's hypothesis predicts that average body condition will decline with increasing urban development while survival rates improve (Shochat 2004). We are conducting a four-year study of avian populations along a gradient of urbanization in east-central Illinois to test this prediction. This paper focuses on body condition, as we currently have insufficient data to estimate survival rates.

Methods

In 2010 and 2011 we captured birds at 13 sites along a gradient of urbanization in Champaign County (Figure 1). The county is dominated by row-crop agriculture (Champaign County Regional Planning Commission 2005), but also contains many small villages and the adjacent cities of Champaign and Urbana, which have an estimated combined population of 122,461 as of 2010 (US Census Bureau 2012). Study sites were predominantly private residences, but also included the Anita Purves Nature Center, the Homer Lake Interpretive Center, and the Champaign County Forest Preserve District Headquarters. These sites represented rural farm houses, properties in small villages and on the perimeter of Champaign/Urbana, and residences within the center of the cities. Urbanization was measured by calculating housing density within a 0.5-km radius of each study site using 2008 aerial photographs obtained through Google Earth.

We used mist nets to catch birds at each study site. In 2010, we attempted to maximize the number of birds captured per day. We visited two or three sites each day and set up two to four mist nets, depending on the size of the property. Each site was visited once every week or two from May to September. In 2011, we focused our netting efforts in the morning, when birds were captured most frequently in 2010. Two nets were set up at each site for one morning per month from March to August. Netting was carried out for 3–4 hours per site in both years on calm days with no precipitation. For each bird captured, we identified its age, sex, and species (Pyle 1997), and marked it with a unique band provided by the US Geological Survey Bird Banding Laboratory. We measured body mass and the length of the lower leg bone (i.e., tarsus) to calculate an index of body condition (see below; Rodewald and Shustack 2008). All measurements were taken by one person (JDF).

Four species were present across the gradient of urbanization and were retained for statistical analysis (Table 1): House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*), House Finch (*Carpodacus mexi-*

canus), American Goldfinch (*Spinus tristis*), and Northern Cardinal (*Cardinalis cardinalis*). To assess condition, we calculated a species-specific index of energy reserves (i.e., fat and muscle) that adjusted body mass for individual differences in size by regressing mass against tarsus length in SAS Enterprise Guide 4.3 (SAS Institute Inc., Cary, NC). The resulting residuals were used as an index of condition in a linear model with housing density to assess the impact of urbanization on body condition. Species and the interaction of species and housing density were also included in the model to determine if there were species-specific differences in how body condition was impacted by urbanization. A second model was constructed which included year to determine if the different sampling methodologies used in 2010 and 2011 affected the results. Year and its interactions with species and housing density were not significant and did not qualitatively change the results of the first model, so only the findings for species and housing density were reported below.

Table 1. Number of individuals of the focal species captured each year

Species	2010	2011	Total
American Goldfinch	35	80	115
House Finch			
House Sparrow	114	272	386
Northern Cardinal	28	30	58
Total	**222**	**568**	**790**

Results and Discussion

The credit card hypothesis proposes that body condition will decline with increasing urbanization, but we found no evidence to support this prediction. Our index of condition did not differ among species ($F_{3, 790} = 0.08$, $P = 0.9734$) and was unrelated to housing density ($F_{1, 790} = 0.96$, $P = 0.3283$). In addition, the interaction between species and housing density was not significant ($F_{3, 790} = 0.85$, $P = 0.4650$), which suggested that increases in housing density did not lead to any species-specific responses in condition.

A small number of other studies have calculated mass-adjusted indices of condition and compared them between urban and nonurban habitats. Investigations of the Northern Cardinal, Abert's Towhee (Pipilio aberti), and Curve-billed Thrasher (Toxostoma curvirostre) have shown little change with urbanization (Fokidis et al. 2008, Rodewald and Shustack 2008), while condition of the Northern Mockingbird (Mimus polyglottos) improves with increasing urban development (Fokidis et al. 2008). Results from House Sparrow studies have been mixed, with one study finding no difference in condition relative to the degree of urbanization (Fokidis et al. 2008) while another reported lower-quality adults in cities (Liker et al. 2008). However, after sampling for additional years, adding study sites, and modifying their statistical approach, the authors of the later study concluded body condition did not vary with urbanization (Bokony et al. 2012).

Taken together, our results and those of other researchers do not support the credit card hypothesis. For most species, body condition is unaffected by urbanization rather than declining with increasing development. Therefore, high densities of animals in cities compared to nonurban environments do not result from an increase in the proportion of poor-quality individuals in urban habitats.

Despite the lack of support for the condition prediction made by the credit card hypothesis, the assumptions relating to predation and food availability that are the foundation of the hypothesis suggest two other mechanisms that could drive density changes in wildlife relative to urbanization (Shochat 2004). The greater availability of food resources in metropolitan areas compared to undeveloped habitats may support larger populations of wildlife (Marzluff 2001), a phenomenon referred to as bottom-up population control. Alternatively, a reduction in predation pressure with increasing urbanization could lead to higher survival rates, producing larger populations due to relaxed top-down population control (Gering and Blair 1999).

In the remaining two years of our study, we will quantify both food availability and survival rates along the gradient of urbanization in Champaign County to assess the influence of bottom-up and top-down control. Through this work, we hope to identify the mechanisms responsible for shaping the community structure of wildlife in urbanizing landscapes.

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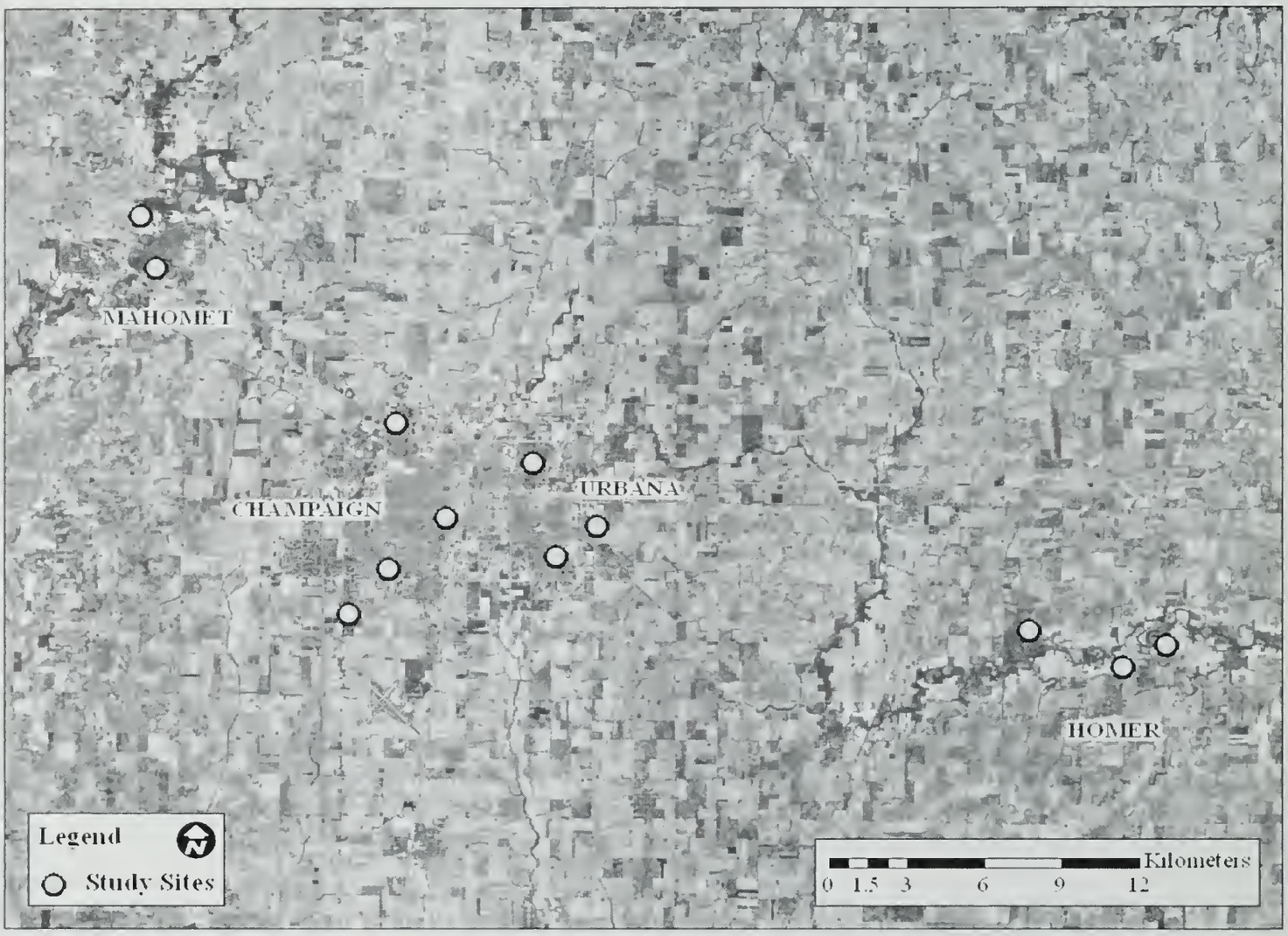
Figure 1. Study sites reflecting a gradient of urbanization in Champaign County, IL



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Seventeenth Report of the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee

By Douglas F. Stotz

Evaluations by the Illinois Ornithological Records Committee ("IORC," or "the Committee") are reported here for a total of 36 records, including 33 accepted records of 25 species, and three unaccepted records of three species. A total of 54 observers contributed reports, including descriptions or photographs documenting the records included in this report. Included are reviewed species evaluations by the Committee from 2010 though 2012. The format of this report generally follows the conventions used in the first through sixteenth reports of the Committee (e. g. Goetz and Robinson 1988; Goetz 1990; Johnson et al 1998; Johnson and Stotz 1999; Stotz and Johnson 2000; Stotz and Johnson 2003; Stotz 2001; Stotz 2009; Stotz 2010). The records below are divided into two major groups: Accepted and Unaccepted. Each of these groups is then further divided into First State Records, Review List Records, and Other Records. The nomenclature, English names and sequence of species conforms to that of the seventh edition of the American Ornithologists' Union's checklist, (1998) and its supplements, through the 53rd (Chesser et al. 2012).

An accepted record is entered with the locality, including county, the date, and (in parentheses) the IORC record number (the first four characters of which give the year of the first observation), and the initials of the primary observer(s) who contributed specimens, descriptions, and/or photographs. Similar information is provided for unaccepted records, except the observers remain anonymous, and a brief explanation of why the record was not accepted is given. The initials of a contributor without any further modification, indicates that no more than written documentation was provided by that observer. When additional evidence exists, a colon follows the observers name with the following codes: p for photographic evidence, v for video, s for sound recording. Many contributing photographers also submitted written descriptions—a practice the Committee encourages. If the observer who first discovered the bird is known to the committee, their initials are set off from the initials of other contributors by a semicolon. Initial observers who did not submit documentations are not always listed. For specimen records, a sharp (#) follows an abbreviation for the institution holding the specimen, along with that institution's catalog number of the specimen if available.

Several records that were seen by several to many observers were documented by only one or two of these observers. The Committee would like to encourage all observers to document all the review list species they see. Documentation by multiple observers can provide additional evidence and support for the identity of rarities. Often records that have not been accepted suffer from incomplete information, a problem which additional documentation by other observers could help overcome.

Information on the age and sex of the birds reported may be an opinion of the person(s) submitting the evidence and is not necessarily an accepted position of the Committee. All other remarks are the author's, although most of the information comes from the Committee files which are now stored in Chicago, Illinois, in the Bird Division of the Field Museum.

In several cases there are discrepancies between the details presented here vs. other published sources, especially regarding dates of occurrence. The data in this report provide the Committee's best assessment of all available information. We have not generally commented on records that are published elsewhere with more limited data than contained here. The Committee accepts responsibility for any inaccuracies or misrepresentations of information herein. Errors that come to our attention will be published as corrigenda in a future IORC report.

Abbreviations:

References to seasonal reports in the journals Illinois Birds and Birding; Meadowlark, A Journal of Illinois Birds; American Birds and North American Birds are abbreviated by IBB, MJIB, AB, and NAB, respectively, followed by volume and page numbers. Months are abbreviated by their first three letters.

"Northern", "central", and "southern Illinois" refer to specific subsections of the state as first defined by Gault (1922); see also Bohlen (1978). The terms "region" and "regional" apply to the Middlewestern Prairie Region as used in NAB and include Illinois as well as Iowa, Missouri, Indiana, and most of Ohio and Kentucky.

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Review List:

The Review List includes species for which the committee will review all records or all records outside of some determined range or range of dates within the state. These are species that, in general, average two or fewer records per year in the state, or which are extremely rare in all but a few counties in the state. The current review list was approved at the 21 September 2008 committee meeting. IORC requests and welcomes evidence concerning all records for the review species listed on the review list on the IOS/IORC website: www.illinoisbirds.org/iorc.html.

In addition, any species not listed in the checklist of Illinois state birds (IORC 1999, see also list on IOS website at http://www.illinoisbirds.org/birds_of_illinois1.html) should be documented. Documentation of regular species may be appropriate when they occur out of season – i.e., exceptionally early arrival dates or late departure dates for migratory species. All first state nesting records should also be documented. Exceptionally high counts of species may also merit documentation. These documentations of non-review list species should generally be sent to the seasonal editor of the Field Notes in the Meadowlark. Both the Christmas Bird Count and Spring Bird Count require documentation of a greater range of species. Such documentations should be sent to the appropriate compiler. Some records from each of these long-term projects are reviewed by IORC, and the documentations supporting observations of rare birds on them are largely stored at the Field Museum with the other IORC archives.

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ACCEPTED RECORDS

New State Records (one record of one species)

Anna's Hummingbird (*Calypte anna*) One at a feeder in Chillicothe, Peoria Co. on 21 Nov-13 Dec (2010.025; A&JH:p; CAT:p). This is the first accepted record of this species in Illinois. There is a previous report that was not accepted by IORC of a bird at a feeder in Carbondale 17-29 Sep 1990 (Robinson 1996, Johnson et al. 1998).

Review List Species (32 records of 24 species)

Black-bellied Whistling-Duck (*Dendrocygna autumnalis*) Two birds photographed in flight at Ware, Union Co. on 13 Jul (2011.001; AG:p). Two birds were seen and photographed at a small pond in Tinley Park, Cook Co. on 17 Jun (2011.034; ES:p). This species seems to be continuing to increase in Illinois. These are the 9th and 10th accepted records for the state, all since 2001. Eight of the records have occurred since 2008.

Brant (*Branta bernicla*) One found at Lake Renwick and also seen in surrounding areas near Plainfield, Will Co. on 25-28 Nov (2010.024; DFS; EWW:p, BH:p). One at Clinton Lake, DeWitt Co., on 4 Nov (2011.033; MEF:p).

Eurasian Wigeon (*Anas penelope*) An adult male was seen and photographed at Kenneth Schroeder Nature Sanctuary, McLean Co. on 21-23 March (2011.009; TH; MEF:p).

Brant. 4 November 2011. Clinton Lake, DeWitt County. Photo by Matt Fraker.

Purple Sandpiper. 31 October 2011. Lake Decatur, Macon County. Photo by Ron Bradley.

Mottled Duck (*Anas fulvigula*) One male was present and photographed at Ware, Union Co. 2 Jul-8 Aug (2011.020; DMK:p). It was accompanied by a female bird that some thought was a Mottled Duck and others thought was a hybrid Mallard X Mottled Duck. Currently the committee is split on the identity of this female-plumaged bird. This is the fourth accepted record for Illinois. Another photographic record of this species from 2011 remains under review.

Barrow's Goldeneye (*Bucephala islandica*) An adult male was seen by a number of observers at Montrose Harbor, Lincoln Park, Chicago, Cook Co. on 8 March (2009.071; RDH, GAW).

Neotropic Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax brasilianus*) One adult seen at Emiquon NWR, Fulton Co. Jul 29-1 Aug (2010.026; GN:p, KBR, APS). An adult was present at Burnham Prairie, Burnham, Cook Co. from 21 Jun to 27 Aug (2011.023; WJM:p), while an immature bird accompanied it until at least 31 Jul 2011 (WJM:p). The adult was reported from other sites within the Calumet region during its period of residency at Burnham Prairie. The cormorants clearly left Burnham Prairie at times, but none of these other sightings were documented.

White Ibis (*Eudocimus albus*) Two immatures were at Cahokia Mounds, St. Clair Co. 23 Jul-7 Aug (2010.023; BR:p).

Purple Gallinule (*Porphyrio martinicus*) One adult photographed at American Bottoms, Monroe Co. on 27-28 Jun (2011.027; DMK).

Purple Sandpiper (*Calidris maritima*) One photographed at Lake Decatur, Macon Co. on 30-31 Oct (2011.028; TAM:p, RB:p); one photographed at Clinton Lake, DeWitt Co. on 20-23 Nov (2011.029; RB:p; GSL:p, TAM:p). Purple Sandpiper is regular in small numbers along the Lake Michigan lakefront, but inland records are very few. These are the second and third accepted inland records in Illinois. The only previous record away from the Lake Michigan lakefront was one at Rock Cut SP, Winnebago Co. on 22 Nov 1997 (Johnson and Stotz 1999).

Ross's Gull (*Rhodostethia rosea*) One photographed at Montrose, Chicago, Cook Co. on 27 Mar (2011.029;YYP). This stunning record is only the second for Illinois. The first record was a bird in basic plumage 19 Nov-1 Dec 1978 on the Chicago lakefront (Goetz 1990).

Little Gull (*Hydrocoloeus minutus*) An adult in basic plumage was photographed at Lake Charleston, Coles Co. on 23-30 Nov (2011:013; RB:p; AAA:p, EtG:p).

Little Gull. 26 November 2011. Charleston Lake, Coles County. Photo by Ron Bradley.

Prairie Falcon. 16 March 2011. Country Lakes Forest Preserve, DuPage County. Photo by Sean Fitzgerald.

Glaucous-winged Gull (*Larus glaucescens*) A first-cycle bird was photographed and remained at North Point Marina, Winthrop Harbor, Lake Co. between 25-30 Jan (2011.011; PS:p; EWW:p, MMC:p, NL:p).

Slaty-backed Gull (*Larus schistisagus*) One adult at Calumet Park, Chicago, Cook Co. on 30 Dec (2010.028; AAA:p, MS:p) to 30 Jan 2011 (DTW, LGB). This bird was found first in Indiana waters on 29 Dec 2010. It spent most of its time in the area on the Indiana side of the border, but was seen and photographed in Illinois on several occasions. Another record of an immature Slaty-backed Gull in June 2011 is still under review by the committee.

Prairie Falcon (*Falco mexicanus*) One photographed at Country Lakes FP, DuPage Co. on 16 Mar (2011.026; SFi:p).

Bewick's Wren (*Thryomanes bewickii*) One photographed at Riverside Park, Springfield, Sangamon Co. on 23 Mar (2011.002: HDB:p).

Mountain Bluebird (*Sialia currucoides*) An almost unbelievable five accepted records, all photographed, in 2011 bring the total number of accepted records from the state to ten. Three of the records in 2011 come from the Lake Co. lakefront including an adult male at Waukegan Beach on 8 May (2011.015; NS:p; AS:p), an immature female at IBSP-North on 9-14 Nov (2011.016; JS:p; EWW:p, MMC:p), and a male that showed up at the same location as the previous record/location at IBSP on the day following the female, 15 Nov (2011.017: PS:p). The other two records in 2011 were an adult male at Towanda, McLean Co. 9-13 Apr (2011.019; MJW:p) and a female along Bischoff Rd., near Horseshoe Lake SP, Madison Co. 12 Dec. (2011.018; MSS, FLH; BR:p, GH:p, DMK:p) to at least 29 Feb 2012 (RL:p).

Male Mountain Bluebird. 8 May 2011.
Waukegan, Lake County.
Photo by Adam Sell.

Townsend's Solitaire (*Myadestes townsendi*) One was at Montrose, Chicago, Cook Co. on the morning of 16 Nov (2011.032; JIE:p; MF:p).

Sage Thrasher (*Oreoscoptes montanus*) One lingered at Montrose, Chicago, Cook Co. during the period 29 Oct-20 Nov (2011.029; RCs:p; AAA:p, MMC:p, MM:p). There are only three records previously accepted by the records committee. All four accepted records have occurred on the Lake Michigan lakefront, two since fall 2009.

Bohemian Waxwing (*Bombycilla garrulus*) One was photographed at the Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe, Cook Co. on 9 Jan (2011.004; BJS:p, FM:p; LM:p).

Western Tanager (*Piranga ludoviciana*) An adult male was seen at McCormick Place Sanctuary, Burnham Park, Chicago, Cook Co. on 1 May (2009.069; DEW).

Green-tailed Towhee (*Pipilo chlorurus*) One was seen and photographed at Jackson Park, Chicago, Cook Co. on 1 Oct (2011.010; RLS; GN:p, NG:p).

Cassin's Sparrow (*Peucaea cassinii*) One photographed at North Point Marina, Winthrop Harbor, Lake Co. on 5-6 May (2011.006; EWW:p; NL:p) represents the second state record of this species. The other record was a bird caught, banded, and photographed at Olive Park, Chicago from 27 May to 6 June 1983 (Landing and Patti 1986, Goetz 1990).

Brewer's Sparrow (*Spizella breweri*) One photographed at Northerly Is., Chicago, Cook Co. on 12 Nov (2011.005; JIE:p; JG:p, NG:p). This is the fifth accepted record of Brewer's Sparrow for Illinois; four of these have been on Chicago's lakefront. The other records were one photographed at Jackson Park in May 1982, a specimen found dead at McCormick Place in May 1986, a bird that wintered at Jarvis Sanctuary in Lincoln Park from November 1997 to May 1998 (Johnson et al. 1998), and a bird at Midewin NTP in Dec 1998 (Johnson and Stotz 1999).

Brewer's Sparrow. 12 November 2011.
Northerly Island, Cook County.
Photo by Nathan Goldberg.

Lark Bunting (*Calamospiza melanocorys*) A female-plumaged bird with a deformed bill was photographed at Montrose, Chicago, Cook Co on 31 Aug-3 Sep (2011.012; AB; JIE:p, RS:p).

UNACCEPTED RECORDS

Review List Records Unaccepted (two records of two species)

Bewick's Wren (*Thryomanes bewickii*) A wren photographed in Monroe Co. on 24 Sep (2010.003) was identified by the observers as a Bewick's Wren. The committee unanimously thought that the photo was actually

Lark Bunting. 31 August 2011.
Montrose, Cook County. Photo by Josh Engel.
Note the severe deformity in this bird's bill.

of a Marsh Wren. The bird was in marsh vegetation, and differed from a Bewick's Wren by being too reddish above, too bright white with buffy sides below, and lacked white corners to the tail. Additionally, some of the back streaking typical of a Marsh Wren could be seen in the photo.

Black-headed Grosbeak (*Pheuticus melanocephalus*) A bird coming to a feeder in Belvidere, Boone Co. was seen for multiple days and documented as this species based on a sighting on 23 May (2009.065). While the committee agreed that the bird may very well have been a male Black-headed Grosbeak, the limited description and the fact that the bird was documented from memory more than a year after the sighting made it impossible for the committee to accept the record.

Other unaccepted records (one record of one subspecies)

American Pipit (*Anthus rubescens japonicus*) A bird identified as this subspecies was photographed at Fullerton Beach, Chicago, Cook Co. on 10 December (2009.068). It accompanied other American Pipits. Its plumage and soft part colors were clearly, but subtly, different from a typical American Pipit. However, the committee examined specimens in the Field Museum collection and looked at other on-line resources, and a majority concluded that this bird could not be definitively identified as being of a subspecies other than the widespread North American form, *A. r. rubescens*. The status of *A. r. japonicus* in North America remains unclear, adding to the difficulty with accepting this record.

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Field Notes

The 2011 Fall Migration

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Field Notes drawing of Sage Thrasher by Matt McKim-Louder

Autumn of 2011 had fairly typical weather, but was a bit warmer than average. Cold weather took its time arriving, and Chicago did not have its first freeze until well into November. Rainfall was slightly below average for the season, with October very dry. Shorebirds were impressive in the lower Illinois River valley again, but in the Chicago area only the lakefront produced many birds. Fronts were few, and fallouts were in short supply, but 17 September produced some impressive landbird counts at Carlyle Lake.

Rarities were well-represented this season. A MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD was photographed in White County in mid-September, picking up stunned fish from electroshock search on the Wabash River! Three WOOD STORKS spent several days in Monroe County in late August. Ibises were fairly well represented with a WHITE IBIS in Monroe County, two WHITE-FACED IBISES in Macon County, and several other dark ibises seen. Rare waterfowl included a BRANT photographed at Clinton Lake in early November, an EURASIAN WIGEON in mid-October at Rollins Savanna, and two MOTTLED DUCKS in southern Illinois in August, with one in Union County and one in Monroe County. Stunning were two PURPLE SANDPIPERS at downstate reservoirs, with one at Lake Decatur in late October and one in late November at Clinton Lake. There were two different MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRDS at Illinois Beach State Park (IBSP) this fall with a young male following on the heels of a female. This follows another Mountain Bluebird on the Lake County lakefront in the spring and was part of an unprecedented five records in 2011. An immature CAVE SWALLOW was photographed at Carlyle Lake in mid-September. The Chicago lakefront was productive for high-quality landbird vagrants starting with a LARK BUNTING at Montrose Harbor at the end of August, a TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE there in October, and a SAGE THRASHER that lingered there for three weeks in November. Elsewhere on the lakefront, there was a BREWER'S SPARROW at Northerly Island in mid November and a GREEN-TAILED TOWHEE at Jackson Park in early October.

Ducks through Hawks

Waterfowl migration was slow getting started and there were few notable concentrations. Standing out was a count of nearly 15,000 Green-winged Teal at Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) in mid-November. Other than that, dabbling duck counts were not notable. Scoter migration was mostly unimpressive, with fewer downstate records than we've had in recent years. The best counts were concentrated at Gillson Park in Wilmette at the end of October and early November. Good counts of Common Loons came from Lake Michigan and Rend Lake. Red-throated Loon reports were fewer this fall, with only 6 birds reported statewide. Pacific Loons were found at Carlyle and Clinton Lakes. A record-tying seasonal total of ten Red-necked Grebes were reported, including birds at Independence Grove Forest Preserve in Lake County and Monroe Harbor in Chicago that lingered for multiple weeks. The three Western Grebe reports included a bird that stayed nearly three weeks at Carlyle Lake. Horned Grebes were found in good numbers, especially on downstate reservoirs in November; again, though, few Eared Grebe reports were received, although a breeding family group was in Mason County through August and much of September. Large concentrations of American White Pelicans were reported from Chuatauqua NWR and Carlyle Lake, but numbers elsewhere were not particularly impressive. Cormorants were in good numbers at Carlyle Lake and along Lake Michigan. The only Neotropic Cormorants were a lingering bird from the summer in the Lake Calumet region and a one-day wonder at Hennepin-Hopper. There were a number of good heron counts from southern Illinois, especially Monroe County and Carlyle Lake. The most notable was a count of 1187 Cattle Egrets in August at Kidd Lake State Natural Area. Few night-herons of either species were reported. The data from the hawk watches at IBSP and Greene Valley Forest Preserve both were better than the previous two or three years, but were not particularly strong. Broad-winged Hawks were a bit better represented than the last few years, although IBSP had a very poor year. Greene Valley recorded both Mississippi Kite and Swainson's Hawk, while IBSP had 3 Swainson's Hawks.

Rails through Woodpeckers

Yellow Rails were more widely reported than usual in northern Illinois with four records in three counties, in addition to the usual multiple records at Prairie Ridge in Jasper and Marion Counties. A few King Rails were reported on migration, but most significant were breeding birds at the end of August in Monroe County. Up to ten birds were reported from there. Only a few Virginia Rails were reported, but Soras were widespread, with goods counts from several sites. The high counts of Common Gallinules were all from breeding sites in August and early September, but an unusually late migrant was at Montrose for a week at the end of October into November. Impressive counts of American Coots came from the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers. The Sandhill Crane migration was fairly ordinary by recent standards, but there were at least eleven Whooping Cranes accompanying the Sandhills over the last half of November in northeastern Illinois. Whooping Cranes continued to be seen into December.

Shorebirds were well-represented along the Illinois River and at Carlyle Lake. Northern Illinois was generally poor because of high water, but Montrose had good diversity across the season. Migration was slow getting started, but by mid-August was in full swing. Plovers were well-reported at the

standard shorebird sites, with excellent counts of Black-bellied and American Golden-Plovers. Black-necked Stilts had another strong showing in the Illinois River Valley and Mississippi River floodplain in southern Illinois, but there were few reports away from these strongholds compared to 2010. Avocets had a good showing with good counts from the Illinois River and Montrose Harbors. Two reports in November were notable but not unprecedented. Godwits and Whimbrels were all in above average numbers and Whimbrels were well represented along the Lake Michigan lakefront. The multiples of Hudsonian Godwits at Chautauqua NWR, Lake Shelbyville and Monroe County, as well as a scattering of singles across the state, contrasts with last fall's lack of records. Similarly Red Knots were found in small numbers at a number of sites after a poor migration in 2010. Peep migration was fairly typical in numbers and extent this fall. Buff-breasted Sandpipers were well-represented this fall, especially along the Illinois River. Two October birds in McLean and Clinton Counties and one in November at Clinton Lake were notably late. Short-billed Dowitchers were reported in smaller than average numbers, but there were some good counts of Long-billed Dowitchers. Phalaropes were all well-represented, but there were especially good counts of Red-necked on the Illinois River and at Carlyle Lake.

A Black-legged Kittiwake at East Fork Lake in Richland County was the only report, while a Little Gull at Lake Charleston was the only report of that species. Sabine's Gulls were at Carlyle Lake in good numbers in September, but there were few other reports. Franklin's Gulls were scattered across the state in small numbers with a high count of 62 from Madison County in early October. A maximum of four Laughing Gulls were at Carlyle Lake in late October, but there were only a handful of other records. Herring Gulls were slow to arrive in numbers this fall, yet rare winter gulls were present in typical numbers by the end of the period. Lesser Black-backed Gulls were the most widespread of the rare winter gulls. Jaegers were poorly reported this fall, with only two, identified as Parasitics, in mid-October and early November from Gillson Park. Short-eared Owls arrived on time in mid-October; they were widely reported from grassland habitats, but fewer than usual birds were found along the Lake Michigan lakefront. Only three Long-eared Owls were reported by the end of the period, while Saw-whet Owls were represented by a number of records. Yellow-billed Cuckoos were reported in fairly typical numbers, but Black-billeds were represented by only scattered reports. Common Nighthawks had a fairly typical migration with peak counts at the end of August and early September; these high counts were not particularly impressive. Only two reports of migrant Whip-poor-wills were received. Chimney Swifts moved in good numbers, and the last records as usual were in mid-October; however, a Chaetura swift very late in mid-November in Chicago was intriguing. Rufous Hummingbirds attended feeders in Oak Park and Sterling beginning in late November and lingered into winter. The Oak Park bird was something of a celebrity and taught many Illinois birders a lot about hummingbird biology and identification. First tentatively identified as a Broad-tailed, much commentary and photography preceeded its capture and banding in early December, when measurements and DNA samples established it as unquestionably a female Rufous. Many of us will be more cautious in identifying hummingbirds that are not adult males in the future because of this bird. There were good Red-headed Woodpecker counts downstate, but the Chicago area migration was poor. Sapsucker and flicker counts were also generally poor. A very good count of 21 Pileated Woodpeckers came from Mercer County in September.

Passerines

Landbird migration overall was reasonably good, but there were few good fallouts. Migration was slow to get started, with little movement in August, but September and October were both strong months. It was a generally poor migration for Empidonax flycatchers. Yellow-bellied Flycatchers were particularly in short supply, but a window casualty in mid-October was late. Kingbirds did not make much of an impression this fall. A long-staying Scissor-tailed Flycatcher was in Mason County. Vireo migration was generally poor with Blue-headed seldom reported. For a second year, Bell's Vireos were more widespread and common than normal, lingering through late August and early September. A late White-eyed Vireo was at Northerly Island in Chicago in early November. Swallow concentrations in August and September were generally good, and Tree Swallows were in large numbers on downstate reservoirs in October. The only lingering swallow reported was a December Northern Rough-winged at Kankakee. Brown Creepers had a strong migration, at least through the Chicago area. Kinglets and Winter Wrens were not particularly well-represented this fall. This fall's thrush migration was generally poor, although there were some good pre-dawn flights of Swainson's. No particularly large roosts of American Robins were reported this fall. There were good Lapland Longspur counts, but Snow Bunting movement was weak. Multiple reports of Smith's Longspurs in northern Illinois were unusual. Migration of warblers was weak in August, and most species did not arrive until the last week of the month. Other than some impressive numbers of American Redstart, Tennessee and Magnolia Warblers at Carlyle Lake in mid-September, high counts were not very impressive. Eight species of warbler were reported into November. Unexpected warblers continuing into December included an Ovenbird at an underground parking garage in Chicago, a Palm Warbler at Northerly Island, and especially a male Black-throated Blue Warbler feeding dailey from Yellow-bellied Sapsucker sap wells with the sapsucker, in a downtown Chicago park!

A Spotted Towhee at Lake Renwick in early November was the only one reported. American Tree Sparrows arrived in good numbers by mid-November. Chipping Sparrows were widespread in good numbers, and a number of birds lingered into November. Clay-colored Sparrows were found in better numbers than 2010, but it was still a poor migration for this species. Other than a count of 20 plus in northwestern Illinois in mid-September, Vesper Sparrows were poorly reported. There were several good counts of Savannah Sparrows, and Nelson's and LeConte's Sparrows were reported in above average numbers for a second consecutive year. One wonders whether numbers have increased with improving habitat, or whether observers are searching their habitats more thoroughly. Six Harris's Sparrows were reported, with a spike in records just after mid-October. White-crowned, White-throated and Swamp Sparrows are the dominant migratory sparrows in Illinois. All were widespread across a broad range of dates, but, peak counts of each of these species were modest. Tanagers had a fairly typical migration, but there were several good counts of Scarlet Tanagers. Red-winged Blackbirds, Common Grackles and Brown-headed Cowbirds all had good-sized migrant flocks reported, but it was a poor year for Rusty and Brewer's Blackbirds. There were several flocks of multiple hundred American Goldfinches reported in mid-October.

Irruptive Species

Both Northern Goshawk and Rough-legged Hawk were in moderate numbers at the two hawkwatches, but there were few reports elsewhere of either species. A major invasion of Snowy Owls began with birds along the Lake Michigan shoreline in mid-November, but the big numbers did not show up until December. Northern Shrikes put on a moderate invasion with at least 24 birds reported by the end of the period. Nearly all were in northeastern Illinois, but one record came from Woodford County, one from Jo Daviess County and one from Winnebago County. Red-breasted Nuthatches were few and far between though there were a couple of mid-August records. Few other migrants were reported away from standard wintering sites, and the concentrations there were unimpressive. Winter finches showed up in moderate numbers. Purple Finches began arriving in mid-September and 48 at Salt Creek Woods Forest Preserve in early November was a good count, but numbers were declining by the end of the period. There were only a few crossbills

As a printing aide, the following abbreviations have been used throughout this report:

ad(s)	= adult(s)	pr(s)	= pair(s)
alt	= alternate plumage (breeding)	prop	= property
		pts	= points
cop	= copulating	resp	= respectively
et al.	= and other	subad(s)	= subadult(s)
imm	= immature	vid	= video
incl	= including	w/	= with
juv(s)	= juvenile(s)	yg	= young
lg	= large	1st	= first winter plumage
m.ob.	= many observers		
*	= documented record	2nd	= second winter plumage
**	= specimen		
ph	= photo(s)	3rd	= third winter plumage
plum	= plumage		

Apt	= Airport	L&D	= Lock & Dam
CA	= Conservation Area	M	= Marsh
Cem	= Cemetery	NA	= Natural Area
Co(s)	= County(ies)	NC	= Nature Center
CP	= County Park	NHL	= National Historic Landmark
Crk	= Creek		
FP	= Forest Preserve	P	= Park
FS	= Field Station	Pr	= Preserve
H	= Harbor	Pra	= Prairie
HA	= Habitat Area	Sl	= Slough
I	= Island	Wds	= Woods
L	= Lake		

AlmondMarsh	= Almond Marsh Forest Preserve (Lake Co)
AmnBot	= American Bottoms (Monroe County)
BannerM	= Banner Marsh (Fulton & Peoria Cos)
BraidwoodL	= Braidwood Lake (Will Co)
BuseyWds	= Busey Woods Park, Urbana (Champaign Co)
CarlL-B	= Carlyle Lake (Bond Co)
CarlL-C	= Carlyle Lake (Clinton Co)
CarlL-F	= Carlyle Lake (Fayette Co)
CBG	= Chicago Botanic Garden (Cook Co)
Champaign	= Champaign (Champaign Co)
Channahon	= Channahon Widewaters, Des Plaines River (Will Co)
Chau	= Lake Chautauqua National Wildlife Refuge (Mason Co)
Chi	= Chicago–excl. Jackson Park & Lake Calumet (Cook Co)
ClintonL	= Clinton Lake (DeWitt Co)
COLSP	= Chain-O-Lakes State Park (Lake Co)
CONWR	= Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge (Williamson Co)
CWRP	= Calumet Water Reclamation Plant (Cook Co)
DYNL	= Dick Young/Nelson Lake Forest Preserve (Kane Co)
EForkL	= East Fork Lake, Olney (Richland Co)
Emiquon	= The Nature Conservancy Emiquon Preserve (Fulton Co)
EPSP	= El Paso Sewage Plant (Woodford Co)
Fermi	= Fermilab (Du Page Co)
GillsonP	= Gillson Park, Wilmette (Cook Co)
GreenR	= Green River State Wildlife Area (Lee Co)
GreeneVal	= Greene Valley Forest Preserve (DuPage Co)
HennepinL	= Hennepin-Hopper Lake Restoration Area (Putnam Co)
HerrickL	= Herrick Lake Forest Preserve (DuPage Co)
HL	= Horseshoe Lake State Park (Madison Co)
IBSP	= Illinois Beach State Park (Lake Co)
Jarvis	= Bill Jarvis Migratory Bird Sanctuary, Lincoln Pk, Chicago (Cook Co)
JP	= Jackson Park and vicinity, Chicago (Cook Co)
Kankakee	= Kankakee (Kankakee Co)
KLMSNA	= Kidd Lake Marsh State Natural Area (Monroe Co)
LaSalleL	= LaSalle Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area (LaSalle Co)
LCal	= Lake Calumet (Cook Co)
LRen	= Lake Renwick (Will Co)
LShel	= Lake Shelbyville (Moultrie Co)
L&D 13	= Lock & Dam 13, Mississippi River (Whiteside Co)
MArb	= Morton Arboretum (DuPage County)
MBC	= Mackinaw Bluffs Corridor (Woodford Co)
McGinnisSl	= McGinnis Slough (s.w. Cook Co)
MeadbrkPk	= Meadowbrook Park, Urbana (Champaign Co)
MermetL	= Mermet Lake Conservation Area (Massac Co)
Midewin	= Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie (Will Co)
Montrose	= Montrose Harbor, Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
NoP	= North Pond, Lincoln Park, Chicago (Cook Co)
NPM	= North Point Marina, Winthrop Harbor (Lake Co)
Palos	= Palos area (s.w. Cook Co)
PaulDouglas	= Paul Douglas Forest Preserve (Cook Co)
PeacockM	= Peacock Marsh (Will Co)
Pembroke Twp	= Pembroke Township (Kankakee Co)
Pomona	= Pomona (Jackson Co)
PrRdg-J	= Prairie Ridge State Natural Area (Jasper Co)
PrRdg-M	= Prairie Ridge State Natural Area (Marion Co)
QC	= Quad Cities and vicinity (Rock Island Co)
Rckfd	= Rockford (Winnebago Co)
RendL	= Rend Lake (Jefferson Co)
RollinsSav	= Rollins Savannah Forest Preserve (Lake Co)
Sang	= Sangamon Co
SFPK	= Sauer Family Prairie Kane Forest Preserve (Kane County)
Spfld	= Springfield (Sangamon Co)
StarvedRock	= Starved Rock State Park (LaSalle County)
TwoRivers	= Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge (Calhoun Co)
WaterfallGlen	= Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve (Du Page Co)
Wauk	= Waukegan Harbor (Lake Co)

of either species by the end of the period, but the White-wings were a harbinger of a good invasion into northern Illinois later in the winter. Common Redpolls arrived in small numbers by the end of October, mostly in northeastern Illinois. Pine Siskins arrived in early October, and there were a number of good counts of migrating flocks in late October and November. A single Evening Grosbeak report in mid-November was received.

Organizations and Institutions:

CBCM	Chicago Bird Collision Monitors (data largely involving window-strikes at high rises in downtown Chicago)
COS	Chicago Ornithological Society (field trips)
DBC	DuPage Birding Club (field trips)
FMNH	Field Museum of Natural History
GVHW	Greene Valley Hawk Watch (data from Greene Valley FP, compiled by Bob Fisher)
IBHW	Illinois Beach Hawk Watch (data from IBSP, compiled by Vic Berardi)
IORC	Illinois Ornithological Records Committee
IOS	Illinois Ornithological Society (field trips)
KCA	Kane County Audubon (field trips)
NPBW	North Pond Bird Walk (weekly surveys at North Pond in Lincoln Pk, led and compiled by Geoffrey A. Williamson)

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A number in parentheses ( ) indicates the number of birds observed at a particular location or on a particular date. No number signifies single birds. Place names given in italic type are counties. Transparent directionals (n.= north(ern), ne. = northeast(ern), etc.), and including c.= central, are used where applicable. Headings for species requiring IORC (Illinois Ornithological Records Committee) review in parts of Illinois or in some plumages are underlined, while those for species requiring review of all records are CAPITALIZED AND UNDERLINED. Records pending IORC review are enclosed in square brackets []. The IORC review list can be viewed at the IOS/IORC website, http://www.illinoisbirds.org/iorc.html. Noteworthy dates and sites of occurrence and remarkably high counts for the state as a whole or for particular regions of the state are underlined and boldfaced, and some further editorial remarks are boldfaced. Four-letter alpha or bird-banding codes in capitalized letters (e.g. WODU for Wood Duck, PUMA for Purple Martin, etc.) developed by the USGS Bird Banding Laboratory are occasionally used within the species accounts.

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Greater White-fronted Goose

EA: 24 Aug, Mitchie Rd. (Monroe Co), (CMc, PAM, et al.); 30 Sep, Chi (Lincoln P) (SJH). **MC**: 375, Emiquon, 25 Nov (KAM); 350, Chau, 25 Nov (KAM); 300, CarlL-C, 25 Nov (DMK).

Snow Goose

EA: 9 Aug ("blue"), Emiquon (AAh). **MC**: 10,000, CarlL-C, 26-27 Nov (DMK).

Ross's Goose

EA: 7 Nov (2), BraidwoodL (JBH). **MC**: 16, CarlL-C, 26 Nov (DMK).

BRANT

ClintonL, 4 Nov (MEF:ph, MJW:ph).

Cackling Goose

EA: 19 Sep, *Winnebago* (ATB); 29 Sep, *Dupage* (SFd). **MC**: 176, *Winnebago*, 26 Nov (ATB). Poor migration this fall.

Canada Goose

MC: 4600, *Dupage,* 16 Nov (SFd); 3000, LRen, 23 Oct (AAh); 1250, Emiquon, 14 Oct (CAT).

Mute Swan

MC: 32, Channahon, 19 Nov (JAS), 28, WolfL, LCal, 23 Nov (WJM).

Trumpeter Swan

MC: 15, *Carroll,* 26 Nov (DHh); 9, CarlL-C, 26-27 Nov (DMK).

Tundra Swan

EA: 3 Nov (27), GillsonP (JIE). **MC**: 350+, SpringL (Carroll Co), 11 Nov (KAM).

Wood Duck

MC: 800, Amn Bot, 10 Aug (DMK); 300+, SandL (Mason Co), 13 Aug (KAM); 238, HennepinL, 20 Aug (NG).

Gadwall

EA: 3 Sep (4), RollinsSav (BJS). **MC**: 1243, McGinnisSl, 26 Nov (GAW); 1085, HennepinL, 17 Oct (DFS); 650, HL, 30 Oct (FRH); 600, CarlL-C, 10 Nov (DMK).

EURASIAN WIGEON

17-18 Oct, RollinsSav (JSS, SDB, m.ob.).

American Wigeon

EA: 3 Sep (2), RollinsSav (BJS). **MC**: 340, HennepinL, 17 Oct (DFS).

American Black Duck

EA: 5 Aug, Crystal Lake (McHenry Co) (KML); 6 Aug, Chau (TH, DH). **MC**: 27, LRen, 19 Nov (DFS).

Mallard

MC: 5000+, Emiquon, 25 Nov (KAM); 4000+, Chau, 25 Nov (KAM); 2100, LRen, 19 Nov (DFS); 1500 CarlL-C, 25 Nov (DMK).

MOTTLED DUCK

KLMSNA, 10 Aug (DMK:ph); Ware (Union Co), 2 Jul-8 Aug (DMK:ph, DDM m.ob.).

Blue-winged Teal

MC: 1554, Chau, 23 Sep (RGB, SNB); 500, CarlL-C, 28 Aug (DMK); 420, Sang, 29 Sep (HDB). **LD**: 19 Nov, WhalonL (Will Co) (JAS).

Northern Shoveler

EA: 14 Aug, PeacockM (JIN). **MC**: 4955, Chau, 11 Nov (RGB, SNB); 1200, CarlL-C, 10 & 20 Nov (DMK).

Northern Pintail

EA: 21 Aug, CarlL-C (DMK, MSS). **MC**: 1490, ClearL (Mason Co), 28 Oct (RGB, SNB); 600, CarlL-C, 16 Oct (DMK); 600, Batchtown NWR (Calhoun Co), 9 Oct (EWW).

Green-winged Teal

EA: 14 Aug (3), Chau (EGl); 14 Aug (2), PeacockM (JAS). **MC**: 14,802, Chau, 11 Nov (RGB, SNB).

Canvasback

EA: 15 Oct, EPSP (TH); 17 Oct (52), HennepinL (DFS); 17 Oct, RollinsSav (JSS). **MC**: 9000, *Hancock,* 22 Nov (AGD, PR); 2000+, SpringL (Carroll Co), 11 Nov (KAM).

Redhead

EA: 2 Oct, RollinsSav (RDH); 2 Oct, Chi (Calumet P) (JIE). **MC**: 290, Evanston (Cook Co), 6 Nov (JIE); 150, CarlL-C, 10 Nov (DMK).

Ring-necked Duck

EA: 30 Sep, PaulDouglas (SWS). **MC**: 5000+, SpringL (*Carroll*), 11 Nov (KAM).

Greater Scaup

EA: 2 Oct (4), GillsonP (JIE). **MC**: 850+, IBSP, 3 Nov (EWW).

Lesser Scaup

EA: 2 Aug, PeacockM (JAS). **MC**: 1040, *Whiteside*, 25 Nov (KJM); 800, CarlL-C, 12 Nov (DMK).

Scaup sp.

MC: 2250, GillsonP, 3 Nov (JIE).

Wood Storks.
24 August 2011.
Kidd Lake Marsh,
Monroe County.
Photo by Al Smith.

Red-necked Grebe. 7 November 2011. Independence Grove Forest Preserve, Lake County. Photo by Jackie Bowman.

Surf Scoter

EA: 30 Sep, Chi (Calumet P) (AAA); 1 Oct (2), Montrose (GAW). **MC**: 4, GillsonP, 30 Oct (JIE, m.ob.); 3, EForkL, 21 Oct (CLH). **Others**: CandlewickL (Boone Co), 9-20 Nov (DTW).

White-winged Scoter

EA: 30 Oct, GillsonP (JIE); 30 Oct, NPM (GN, JRRS). **MC**: 19, GillsonP, 3 Nov (JIE, GN).

Black Scoter

EA: 19 Oct, GillsonP (GN, APS). **MC**: 11, GillsonP, 3 Nov (JIE, GN); 4, CarlL-C, 5 Nov (DMK). **Others**: CandlewickL (Boone Co), 9-20 Nov (DTW).

Long-tailed Duck

EA: 3 Nov (2), GillsonP (JIE). **MC**: 3, *Adams*, 26-28 Nov (AR); 3, L&D 13, 10 Nov (DHh).

Bufflehead

EA: 16 Oct, Montrose (EGl, AG, EDG). **MC**: 400+, *Hancock,* 22 Nov (AGD, PR); 80, CarlL-C (DMK); 58, JP, 20 & 27 Nov (PRC).

Common Goldeneye

EA: 30 Oct, GillsonP (JIE). **MC**: 250+, *Hancock,* 22 Nov (AGD, PR).

Hooded Merganser

MC: 200, Emiquon, 20 Nov (CS); 162, Saganashkee Sl (Cook Co), 26 Nov (GAW); 150, CarlL-C, 24 Nov (DMK).

Common Merganser

EA: 9 Sep, ClintonL (MEF). **MC**: 50, Montrose, 26 Nov (STP).

Red-breasted Merganser

EA: 24 Aug, PeacockM (JAS); 21 Oct, ClintonL (MEF); 22 Oct, CarlL-C, (DMK, CDn, TW). **MC**: 970, Wilmette (Cook Co), 25 Nov (RPR).

Ruddy Duck

MC: 3700+, *Hancock,* 22 Nov (AGD, PR); 950, Emiquon, 14 Oct (CAT); 600, CarlL-C, 5 & 10 Nov (DMK); 588, ClearL (Mason Co), 11 Nov (RGB, SNB).

Northern Bobwhite

MC: 19, *Edwards*, 7 Nov (RES).

Ring-necked Pheasant

MC: 7, Kankakee, 7 Aug (JBH).

Greater Prairie-Chicken

MC: 13, PrRdg-J, 22 Aug & 30 Nov (RES).

Wild Turkey

MC: 42, MermetL, 17 Oct (CCd); 30, *Lee,* 6 Nov (DHh); 30, CarlL-C, 27 Nov (DKM).

Red-throated Loon

EA/MC: 3 Nov (2), GillsonP (JIE). **LD**: 15 Nov, NPM (M&DC). **Others**: ClintonL, 4 Nov (MEF); LShel, 5-12 Nov (TAM, CAT, RL et al.); CarlL-C, 12 Nov (KAM, DMK, MSS).

PACIFIC LOON

CarlL-C, 30 Oct (DMK, MSS); ClintonL, 5 & 19 Nov (MEF, MJW:ph et al. & GSL, SDB resp).

Common Loon

MC: 162, GillsonP, 3 Nov (JIE, GN); 93, RendL, 23 Nov (LWS).

Pied-billed Grebe

MC: 200, CarlL-C, 10 Nov (DMK); 75, StoreyL (Knox Co), 9 Nov (CY).

Horned Grebe

EA: 5 Aug (4), Quincy (Adams Co) (AGD). **MC**: 400, CarlL-C, 5 Nov (DMK); 127, ClintonL, 4 Nov (MEF).

Red-necked Grebe

EA: 19 Oct, GillsonP (GN, APS); 22 Oct, Montrose (LGM, JHP, JIE:ph m.ob.:ph). **LD**: 11 Nov - 25 Dec, Chi (Grant P) (DFS; RDH:ph, m.ob.). **Others**: Fermi, 27 Oct (PAM, CCh:ph); Independence Grove FP (Lake Co), 27 Oct - 13 Nov (BJS; MMC:ph, MLT:ph, JB:ph, SDB m.ob.:ph); CarlL-C, 30 Oct (DMK, MSS); GillsonP, 3 Nov (JIE, m.ob.); Wauk, 3 Nov (ASl); Chi (Navy Pier), 6 Nov (GAW); L Decatur (Macon Co), 8-11 Nov (TAM, m.ob.). **Note**: Except for the ten observations made in the fall season 2006, this seasons ten reports ties for the most records for this species in one season ever made in Illinois. Most seasons there are only 1-5 observations of this species statewide.

Magnificent Frigatebird. 14 September 2011. Near Grayville, White County. Photo by Jerrod Parker.

Eared Grebe

EA: 8 Oct, CarlL-C (DMK, TAM). **MC**: 7 (breeding family group), SandL (Mason Co), 23 Sep (REF et al.). **LD**: 22 Nov, Chi (Grant P) (DFS). **Others**: SandL (Mason Co) (breeders w/ young), 13 Aug - 23 Sep (KAM; JIN et al.).

Western Grebe

CarlL-C, 22 Oct - 19 Nov (DMK, CDn, TW et al.); Independence Grove FP (Lake Co), 5 Nov (Tom Lewin); GillsonP, 8 Nov (AFS).

WOOD STORK

KLMSNA (3), 23-28 Aug (PAM, C&PD, JM:ph, m.ob.).

MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD

So. Of Grayville (White Co) (subadult ♂). 14 Sep (Jerrod Parker:ph, Tim Edison et al.). this amazing sighting included the bird swooping low over the Wabash River to pick up gizzard shad and a flathead catfish that had been stunned by an electro-fishing boat, approaching to within 25 feet of several scientists in the boat!

Photo Gallery:

Fall Birds of Illinois

Green-tailed Towhee. 1 October 2011. Jackson Park, Cook County. Photo by Nathan Goldberg.

Eastern Bluebird. 1 November 2011. Perched on lotus in marsh in Heron County Park, Vermilion County. Photo by Bob Schifo.

Female Mountain Bluebird. 12 November 2011. Illinois Beach State Park, Lake County. Photo by John Longhenry.

Sage Thrasher. 30 October 2011. Montrose, Cook County. Photo by Jackie Bowman.

Harris's Sparrow. 15 October 2011. Montrose, Cook County. Photo by Josh Engel.

Nelson's Sparrow. 29 September 2011. Prairie Green Forest Preserve, Kane County. Photo by Jackie Bowman.

Townsend's Solitaire. 16 November 2011. Montrose, Cook County. Photo by Josh Engel.

Red-necked Grebe. 22 October 2011. Montrose, Cook County. Photo by Josh Engel.

Purple Sandpiper. 20 November 2011. Clinton Lake, DeWitt County. Photo by Ron Bradley.

Least Bittern. 11 August 2011. Clark and Devon streets, Chicago, Cook County. Photo by Steve Spitzer.

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT

LD: summer to 27 Aug, LCal (Burnham Prairie M) (Matt Kalwasinski, WJM:ph, et al.).**Other**: HennepinL, 17 Aug (GN:ph, JRRS).

Double-crested Cormorant

MC: 10,000, CarlL-C, 2 Oct (DMK); 2675, Chi (Lincoln P), 15 Oct (JIE, GAW et al.).

ANHINGA

Edwards, 1 Oct (RES); *Kane*, 25 Sep (ESS).

American White Pelican

MC: 10,000, Chau, 13-14 Aug (KAM, B. Tetzlaff); 8000, CarlL-C, 2 Oct (DMK).

American Bittern

EA: 1 Oct, Montrose (BS). **MC**: 2, *Monroe*, 10 Aug (DWe). **LD**: 23 Oct (found dead), Chi (CBCM); 18 Oct, Chi (Northerly I) (JIE).

Least Bittern

MC: 2, HennepinL, various dates 12 Aug - 25 Sep (TH, et al.); 2, *Monroe*, 5 Aug (C&PD). **LD**: 25 Sep (2), HennepinL (TH).

Great Blue Heron

MC: 400, CarlL-C, 1 Aug (DMK).

Great Egret

MC: 2100, KLMSNA, 12 Aug (KAM); 1800, CarlL-C, 10 Aug (DMK). **LD**: 25 Nov, *Rock Island* (KJM); 14 Nov, Crystal Lake (McHenry Co) (ESS).

Snowy Egret

MC: 90, *Alexander*, 27 Aug (LWS, DDM). **LD**: 25 Nov (2), Emiquon (KAM, MSS), 4 Nov, L Vermilion (Vermilion Co) (JR:ph); These are the two latest fall records for Illinois.

Little Blue Heron

MC: 1500, AmnBtm, 1 Aug (DMK). **LD**: 5 Nov (imm), Alorton (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 9 Oct (3), HL (FRH).

Cattle Egret

MC: 1187, KLMSNA, 27 Aug (C&PD). **LD**: 30 Oct (8), Champaign (DWe).

Green Heron

MC: 15, KLMSNA, 26-28 Aug (KAM); 13, Jake Wolf Fish Hatchery (Mason Co), 12 Aug (RGB, SNB); 12, *Madison*, 19 Aug (GH). **LD**: 10 Oct, Wauk (ASl).

Black-crowned Night-Heron

MC: 23, AlmondMarsh, 25 Sep (ASl).

Yellow-crowned Night-Heron

MC: only singles reported, *Cook, Monroe, St. Clair; Clinton* (various obs). **LD**: 28 Aug, KLMSNA (KAM, MAM, APS).

WHITE IBIS

Alexander, 20 Aug (DDM).

WHITE-FACED IBIS

LD: 7 Oct (2 juv), *Macon* (TAM).

***Plegadis* sp.**

EA: 20-23 Sep (juv), Emiquon (GN, APS m.ob.). **MC**: 4, Nygren wetlands (Winnebago Co), 8 Oct (GK). **LD**: 24 Oct, CarlL-C (DMK).

Snowy Egret. 4 November 2011. Lake Vermilion, Vermilion County. Photo by Bob Schifo.

Black Vulture

MC: 30, *Jackson*, 22 Oct (THy); 25, *Hardin*, 9 Sep (MSS).

Turkey Vulture

MC: 150, 5 mi. n. of Coulterville (Washington Co) (TJD); 120, CarlL-C, 5 Sep (DMK); 111, AmnBot, 16 Sep (C&PD); 100, *Mason*, 19 Aug (DHh).

Osprey

MC: 11, IBSP, 4 Sep (IBHW); 6, GVHW, 14 Oct; 3, Rock Cut SP (Winnebago Co), 16 Sep (DTW). **LD**: 31 Oct, GVHW.

Mississippi Kite

MC: 5, *Alexander*; 6 Aug (LWS, DDM); 3, *Monroe*, 21 Aug (EWW). **LD**: 11 Oct, GVHW; 23 Sep (2), *Pope* (MSS); 15 Sep, Rckfd (JL).

Bald Eagle

MC: 20, Chau, 5 Nov (KBR); 16, HennepinL, 15 Oct (TH); 15, L&D 13, 10 Nov (DHh).

Northern Harrier

MC: 46, IBSP, 14 Oct (IBHW).

Immature Bald Eagles. 24 October 2011. Forest Glen Preserve, Vermilion County. Photo by Bob Schifo.

Sharp-shinned Hawk

MC: 585, IBSP, 15 Oct (IBHW); 101, GVHW, 16 Oct; 86, Chi, 15 Oct (GAW, m.ob.); huge movement through NE Illinois 14-16 Oct (m.ob.).

Cooper's Hawk

MC: 21, IBSP, 14 Oct (IBHW); 10, GVHW, 14 Oct.

Northern Goshawk

EA: 2 Oct, GVHW; 14 Oct (ad), IBSP (IBHW). **MC**: 5, IBSP, 16 Nov (IBHW). **Others**: Kankakee, 23 Oct (JBH).

Red-shouldered Hawk

MC: 10, *Union*, 22 Oct (THy).

Migrating Red-shouldered Hawk. Forest Glen Preserve, Vermilion County. 24 October 2011. Photo by Bob Schifo.

Broad-winged Hawk

EA: 26 Aug, Zion (Lake Co) (EWW). **MC**: 384, GVHW, 22 Sep; 150, PA Nehring FP (DeKalb Co) 22 Sep (NBr); 137, Tri-County SP (Cook, DuPage & Kane Cos), 22 Sep (SFd, PAM). **LD**: 31 Oct, L Decatur (Macon Co) (LA).

Swainson's Hawk

MC: 6, *Kane & McHenry*, 14 Aug (RAM, ALM). **LD**: 16 Nov, IBSP (IBHW); 2 Sep, *McHenry* (RAM).

Red-tailed Hawk

MC: 288 & 183, IBSP, 16 Nov & 15 Oct (IBHW & ASl resp); 102, GVHW, 16 Nov; 34, Chi (lakefront), 15 Oct (GAW, m.ob.).

Rough-legged Hawk

EA: 11 Oct, IBSP (IBHW). **MC**: 14, IBSP, 17 Nov (IBHW).

Golden Eagle

EA: 8 Oct, Fox R (LaSalle Co) (MAM); 27 Oct (imm), *Wayne* (CLH). **MC**: 2, GVHW, 24 Oct. **Others**: *Wayne*, 26 Nov (GN, APS); *Jo Daviess*, 11 Nov (KAM).

Yellow Rail

EA: 12 Sep, PrRdg-M (RES). **LD**: 19 Oct, PrRdg-J (RES); 18 Oct, Montrose (NG:ph); 18 Oct, GreenR (DHh). **Others**: Singles on 3 other dates PrRdg-M, Sep - 11 Oct (RES); Chi (Loop) (found dead), 11 Oct (CBCM); Prairie Green FP (Kane Co), 17 Oct (SAC).

Leucistic Red-tailed Hawk. 16 August 2011. Grundy County. Photo by John Longhenry.

Yellow Rail. 18 October 2011. Montrose, Cook County. Photo by Nathan Goldberg.

Virginia Rail

EA: 2 Aug, PrRdg-J (CLH). **LD**: 14 Oct, PrRdg-J (RES); 24 Sep, Champaign (DWe).

Sora

EA: 10 Aug (found dead), Chi (Loop) (CBCM). **MC**: 28, *Monroe*, 28 Aug (CMc); 25, PeacockM, 14 Sep (JAS). **LD**: 28 Oct, Hidden Lake FP (DuPage Co) (JCa).

Common Gallinule

MC: 45-50, *Jackson*, 3 Sep (DDM); 18, HennepinL, 12 Aug (TH); 11, GreenR, 24 Aug (DHh). **LD**: 27 Oct-4 Nov, Montrose (SGS:ph; RDH, m.ob.).

American Coot

MC: 22,000, *Whiteside*, 25 Nov (KJM); 14,000, Emiquon, 14 Oct (CAT); 9200, HennepinL, 17 Oct (DFS).

King Rail

MC: 10, Mitchie Rd (Monroe Co), 28 Aug (CMc, m.ob.). **LD**: 18 Sep, HennepinL (JlE, GN, JRRS, KKM).

Sandhill Crane

MC: 8208, GreeneVal, 16 Nov (GVHW); 150, *Edwards*, 10 Oct (RES).

WHOOPING CRANE

EA: 10 Nov, SpringL (Carroll Co) (DHh); 16 Nov, Spring Valley FP (Cook Co) (SAC); 16 Nov, GreeneVal (GVHW). **MC**: 7 (re-introduced flock being led by untralight aircraft), *LaSalle*, 4 Nov (DB:ph). **Others**: Elk Grove Village (Cook Co) (2), 17 Nov (AK); Afton FP (DeKalb Co) (2), 18-19 Nov (ASh, MM); Rckfd (2), 27 Nov (DTW); GreeneVal (2), 27 Nov (GVHW). **LD**: into December. All these records presumably refer to birds that are part of the Wisconsin re-introduction attempt.

Re-introduced Whooping Crane flock led by ultralight aircraft. 4 November 2011. LaSalle County. Photo by Don Blecha.

Re-introduced Whooping Cranes dancing. 4 November 2011. LaSalle County. Photo by Don Blecha.

American Golden-Plover. 31 August 2011. Carlyle Lake (White-tail Access), Clinton County. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

Black-bellied Plover
EA: 12 Aug, Chau (BJS, DKA). **MC**: 81, Chau, 22 Oct (TH). **LD**: 17 Nov (3), Chau (KBR); 12 Nov (4), Big Sl (Carroll Co) (EWW).

American Golden-Plover
EA: 6 Jul, GreeneVal (LP). **MC**: 130, Chau, 20 Sep (GN, APS); 102, AmnBot, 11 Sep (C&PD); 81, Genoa sod farm (DeKalb Co) (NBr). **LD**: 25 Nov, Chau (KBR); 16 Nov, RendL (LWS); 30 Oct, ClintonL (MEF).

Semipalmated Plover
EA: 14 Jul, Chau (KBR). **MC**: 40+, Chau, 6-14 Aug (KAM, CDn et al.). **LD**: 13 Nov, SandL (Mason Co) (CDn).

Piping Plover
EA: 5-7 Aug, Montrose (SGS:ph, MMC:ph, JIE et al:ph). This juvenile bird was banded where it hatched this past summer in Manistee, Michigan. **LD**: 14 Oct, Wauk (AFS, MJW).

Killdeer
MC: 1667, Chau, 2 Sep (RGB, SNB); 1500, BigL (Brown Co), 6 Aug (KAM); 868, ClintonL, 16 Sep (MEF).

Black-necked Stilt
MC: 200, AmnBot, 5 Aug (DMK); 172, *Jackson, Union* and *Alexander*, 6 Aug (LWS, DDM); 130, Emiquon, 21 Aug (MJW, APS). **LD**: 10 Sep (3), Chau (BJS, DKA).

American Avocet
EA: 21 Jul, Montrose (RDH, TFK). **MC**: 24, Chau, 8 Oct (MJW); 16, Montrose, 30 Aug (SBB:ph, m.ob.). **LD**: 13 Nov (3), BigL (Brown Co) (CDn); 1-8 Nov, L Decatur (Macon Co) (TAM, m.ob.).

Spotted Sandpiper
MC: 50, Big L (Brown Co), 7 Aug (CDn); 21, DYNL, 3 Aug (SFd). **LD**: 23 Oct, Kankakee (JBH).

Solitary Sandpiper
EA: 30 Jun (worn ad), L Spfld (HDB); 4 Jul, Kankakee (JBH). **MC**: 150, Meredosia NWR (Morgan/Cass Cos), 26 Jul (CDn); 31, GreeneVal, 20 Aug (SFd). **LD**: 25 Sep, The Grove NHL (Cook Co) (JG).

Greater Yellowlegs
EA: 28 Jun, w. *Lee* (MHB). **MC**: 930, Big L (Brown Co), 3 Aug (CDn). **LD**: 30 Nov, RendL (LWS); 16 Nov, CarlL-C (MSS); 14 Nov, DYNL (ESS).

Willet
EA: 21 Jul, Montrose (MMC; JIE:ph). **MC**: 4, Emiquon, 21 Aug (MJW); 4, *Clinton*, 6 Aug (MSS); 4, *Monroe*, 23 Aug (GH). **LD**: 29 Oct, Chau (KBR).

Lesser Yellowlegs
EA: 2 Jul (2), RollinsSav (BJS). **MC**: 1080, Chau, 12 Aug (RGB, SNB); 950, Big L (Brown Co), 3 Aug (CDn). **LD**: 27 Nov, Sand L (Mason Co) (CDn).

Piping Plover. 5 August 2011. Montrose, Cook County. Photo by Matthew Cvetas.

Upland Sandpiper
EA: 21 Jul, Genoa sod farm (DeKalb Co) (BJS). **MC**: 7, Big L (Brown Co), 3 Aug (CDn). **LD**: 27 Sep, PrRdg-M (RES, CLH); 14 Sep, GreeneVal (GVHW).

Whimbrel
EA: 10 Jul, Emiquon (KBR); 21-22 Jul, Montrose (JIE:ph, KKM, MMC). **MC**: 2, Montrose, 3 Sep (REF). **LD**: 11 Sep, Montrose (MSw:ph); 3 Sep, Chau (KBR); 2 Sep, Montrose (RDH, EDG). **Others**: Montrose, 30-31 Aug (RC, SJH); Wauk, 29 Aug (EWW); Chi (Northerly I), 26 Aug (DFS).

Hudsonian Godwit
EA: 24 Jul, AmnBot (DMK); 30 Aug, Mitchie (Monroe Co) (C&PD); 2 Sep, Chau (MJW, TH); 3 Sep, RendL (TJD). **MC**: 12, Chau, 5 & 7 Sep (REF & CDn resp); 6, LShel, 3 Sep (RL); 3, AmnBot, 11 Sep (C&PD). **LD**: 17 Oct, CarlL-F (KAM); 13 Oct, DYNL (DHh); 5-6 Oct, Genoa sod farm (DeKalb Co) (KML, SDB et al.).

Whimbrel. 21 July 2011. Montrose, Cook County. Photo by Josh Engel.

Marbled Godwit

EA: 12 Aug, Chau (REF, KDF); 13 Aug, *Alexander* (CAT). **MC**: 3, CarlL-C, 3 Sep (DMK); 3, Chau, 2-5 Sep (RGB, SNB, RDH); 2, Emiquon, 21 Aug (EWW). **LD**: 19 Nov, RendL (LWS, DDM). **Others**: Chau, 10-11 Sep (BJS, DKA, Maggie Crane); CarlL-F, 11 Sep (EGl, AG, EDG).

Marbled Godwit. 27 August 2011. Carlyle Lake (Whitetail Access), Clinton County. Photo by Dan Kassebaum.

Ruddy Turnstone

EA: 6 Jul (2), Chi (Grant P) (DFS). **MC**: 40, Chau, 5 & 7 Sep (RDH & CDn resp); 15, Montrose, 31 Aug (SPh). **LD**: 17 Sep, Chau (MLPR, MH).

Red Knot

EA: 10 Jul, Emiquon (KBR); 26 Jul, Meredosia NWR (Morgan/Cass Cos) (CDn); 23-29 Aug (2), Montrose (SGS:ph, m.ob.); 27 Aug, CarlL-C (DMK). **MC**: 3, CarlL-C, 28 Aug-2 Sep (DMK, KAM, MSS, CLH); 3, Chau, 10-11 Sep (KAM, TH, TW, CDn et al.). **LD**: 13 Sep (2), Chau (TW, CDn). **Others**: LaSalleL, 8 Sep (GN). Excellent migration of this species.

Sanderling

EA: 23 Jul (7), Evanston (Cook Co) (JRS, IS) . **MC**: 47, Chi (Lincoln P), 10 Sep (GAW); 40, CarlL-C, 5,17 Sep (DMK, KAM); 32, Chau, 16 Sep (RGB, SNB). **LD**: 7 Nov (2), JP (PRC).

Semipalmated Sandpiper

EA: 10 Jul, Air Station Pra (Glenview, Cook Co) (JA); 23 Jul, PeacockM (REF, KDF). **MC**: 1553, Chau, 12 Aug (RGB, SNB); 450, Meredosia NWR (Morgan/Cass Cos), 26 Jul (CDn). **LD**: 22 Sep, Sang (HDB).

Western Sandpiper

EA: 18 Aug, Chau (GN, JRRS). **MC**: 14, *Monroe*, 4 Sep (C&PD); 8, CarlL-C, 27 Aug (DMK). **LD**: 5-7 Oct, Montrose (SGS:ph, DKA et al.:ph).

Western Sandpiper. 5 October 2011. Montrose, Cook County. Photo by Steve Spitzer.

Two Red Knots and a Sanderling. 28 August 2011. Montrose, Cook County. Photo by Josh Engel.

Ruddy Turnstone and Sanderling. 31 August 2011. Montrose, Cook County. Photo by Jackie Bowman.

Purple Sandpiper. 21 November 2011. Clinton Lake, DeWitt County. Photo by Greg Lambeth.

Least Sandpiper

EA: 3 Jul (12), RollinsSav (BJS); 4 Jul, Air Station Prairie (Glenview, Cook Co) (EGl, AG, EDG). **MC**: 925, Chau, 12 Aug (RGB, SNB); 500, Meredosia NWR (Morgan/Cass Cos), 26 Jul (CDn); 400, AmnBot, 5 Aug (DMK). **LD**: 26 Nov, Lenzburg (St. Clair Co) (TJD); 26 Nov (16), CarlL-C (DMK).

White-rumped Sandpiper

EA: 4 Aug (3), Big L (Brown Co) (TW, CDn). **MC**: 6, GreeneVal, 8-12 Sep (ATB, SFd); 4, Champaign, 24 Sep (DWe); 4, ClintonL, 9 Sep (MEF:ph). **LD**: 21-23 Oct, ClintonL (MJW, MLPR, IOS).

Baird's Sandpiper

EA: 23 Jul, Emiquon (KAM). **MC**: 11, *Monroe*, 4 Sep (C&PD); 10, Chau, 28 Aug (TH, MJW) & 4 Sep (FRM, TFK); 7, Ridott (Stephenson Co), 3 Sep (DTW).

Pectoral Sandpiper

EA: 10 Jul, RollinsSav (BJS). **MC**: 2686, Chau, 12 Aug (RGB, SNB); 2500, Big L (Brown Co), 6 Aug (KAM); 600, AmnBot, 1 & 5 Aug (DMK). **LD**: 25 Nov, Sand L (Mason Co) (KBR).

PURPLE SANDPIPER

EA: 30-31 Oct, L Decatur (Macon Co) (TAM:ph; m. ob.); 20-23 Nov, ClintonL (RBr:ph; GSL:ph, TAM:ph m.ob.). Only the second and third "inland" records in Illinois. **Others**: NPM, 1 Dec (AFS).

Dunlin

EA: 12 Sep, PeacockM (LP). **MC**: 1000, Chau, 28 Oct (CDn); 117, GillsonP, 3 Nov (JIE, GN). **LD**: 25 Nov, GreeneVal (UWG).

Stilt Sandpiper

EA: 2 Aug, Chau (AN). **MC**: 550, Chau, 10 Sep (CDn); 120, CarlL-C, 27 Aug (DMK). **LD**: 25 Oct, Evergreen L (McLean Co) (BM).

Buff-breasted Sandpiper

EA: 31 Jul (2), Big L (Brown Co.) (CDn). **MC**: 75, Chau, 13 Sep (TW, CDn); 19, Genoa sod farm (*DeKalb*) (CAT, TLK). **LD**: 5 Nov, ClintonL (TH, CAT, CDn, m.ob.); 13 Oct, Gridley (McLean Co) (BM); 9 Oct, CarlL-C (CPA).

Short-billed Dowitcher

EA: 4 Jul, Air Station Pra (Glenview, Cook Co) (EGl, AG, EDG). **MC**: 9, Chau, 10 Sep (BJS, DKA). **LD**: 23 Sep, Chau (AAh); 20 Sep, Emiquon (CAT, TLK).

Buff-breasted Sandpiper. 29 August 2011. Montrose, Chicago, Cook County. Photo by Steve Huggins.

Long-billed Dowitcher

EA: 17 Jul, Emiquon (TW); 23 Jul, Sang (HDB). **MC**: 85, Emiquon, 20 Sep (GN, APS). **LD**: 7 Nov, *Marshall* (AFS, APS).

Wilson's Snipe

EA: 15 Aug, GreenR (DHh). **MC**: 100, Sand L (Mason Co), 29 Oct (CDn).

American Woodcock

EA: 29 Aug, Chi (found dead) (CBCM); 25 Sep, Bemis Woods FP (Cook Co) (DFS). **MC**: 2, *Woodford*, 2 Nov (MEF). **LD**: 21 Nov (found dead), Chi (CBCM); 20 Nov, Montrose (MMC, NG, FRM, m.ob.).

Wilson's Phalarope

EA: 4 Jul, Air Station Pra (Glenview, Cook Co) (EGl, AG, EDG); 6 Aug, Sang (HDB). **MC**: 25, Chau, 6 Sep (KBR). **LD**: 19 Nov (3), RendL (LWS, DDM); 10 Nov, CarlL-C (MSS).

Red-necked Phalarope

EA: 14 Jul, Emiquon (KBR); 14 Aug (4), *Mason* (EGl, AG, EDG, TH); 27 Aug (2), *Monroe* (C&PD); 28 Aug, Illinois R (LaSalle Co) (REF, KDF). **MC**: 40, Chau, 4 Sep (CDn); 22, CarlL-C, 11 Sep (DMK). **LD**: 30 Sep, ClintonL (MEF); 29 Sep, RollinsSav (BJS, SDB m.ob.).

Red-necked Phalarope. 1 September 2011. Greene Valley Forest Preserve, DuPage County. Photo by Don Blecha.

Sabine's Gull. 24 September 2011. Carlyle Lake, Clinton County. Photo by Nathan Goldberg.

Ring-billed Gull

MC: 10,000, CarlL-C, 27-29 Oct (DMK); 4929, *Whiteside*, 25 Nov (KJM).

CALIFORNIA GULL

E. Peoria (Tazewell Co), 22 Oct (MJW, TH).

Herring Gull

MC: 620, *Whiteside*, 25 Nov (KJM); 500, NPM, 12 Nov (RM).

Red Phalarope. 3 November 2011. Gillson Park, Wilmette, Cook County. Photo by Amar Ayyash.

Franklin's Gull. 9 October 2011. Loyola Park, Cook County. Photos by Amar Ayyash.

Adult Bonaparte's Gull. 5 November 2011. Calumet Park, Cook County. Photo by Amar Ayyash.

Red Phalarope

L Spfld, 27 Sep (HDB); L Decatur (Macon Co), 30 Oct-9 Nov, 28 Nov (AG; TAM:vid, m.ob.); GillsonP, 3 Nov (APS et al.); Chau, 13 Nov (KBR).

Black-legged Kittiwake

LD: 24-25 Nov, EForkL (CLH* & KAM, MSS resp).

Sabine's Gull

EA/MC: 9, CarlL-C, 14 Sep (DMK). **LD**: 22 Oct, CarlL-C (DMK:ph, CDn, TW). **Other**: L Spfld (2), 29 Sep (HDB).

Bonaparte's Gull

EA: 5 Aug, Evanston (Cook Co) (DKA). **MC**: 6000, CarlL-C, 19 Nov (DMK); 489, Evanston (Cook Co), 3 Nov (JIE, GN et al.). **LD**: into Dec.

LITTLE GULL

L Charleston (Coles Co), 23-30 Nov (RBr:ph; EGl:ph, AAA:ph).

Laughing Gull

MC: 4 (1 ad, 3 1st), CarlL-F, 22 Oct (DMK, CDn, TW). **LD**: 11 Nov, CarlL-C (DMK). **Others**: Montrose, 4 & 16 Sep (SPh & SGS:ph resp); LaSalleL, 13 Aug (BC); Rock Falls (Whiteside Co) (DHh).

Laughing Gull X Ring-billed Gull

Chi (Calumet P), 11 Nov (AAA:ph).

Franklin's Gull

EA: 26 Aug(juv), IBSP (EWW); 28 Aug, CarlL-C (DMK:ph). **MC**: 62, HL, 2 Oct (FRH). **LD**: 26 Nov, Montrose (SPh).

Thayer's Gull

EA: 29 Oct, Meredosia NWR (Morgan/Cass Cos) (CDn); 5 Nov (1st), Chi (Calumet P) (AAA).

Lesser Black-backed Gull

EA: 6-7 Aug (2nd ?), Chau (KAM; REF, KDF, UWG); 17 Aug (2nd), Montrose (RDH); 20 Aug (2nd), CarlL-C (DMK:ph). **MC**: 3 (3rd, 2 2nd), CarlL-C, 18 & 24 Sep (DMK, MFD & AAA et al. resp); 3 (1st, 2 2nd), CarlL-C, 6 Nov (DMK); 3 (ad), Wauk, 24 Sep (ASl); 3, NPM, 15 Nov (M&DC).

Glaucous Gull

EA: 11 Nov (ad), Chi (Calumet P) (AAA); 14 Nov (1st), Chi (Northerly I) (JIE, et al.). **MC**: 2 (1st), *Rock Island*, 25 Nov (KJM).

Great Black-backed Gull

EA: 28 Aug (1st), Wauk (EWW); 1 Sep, Illinois R (LaSalle Co) (BC, TH).

Least Tern

MC & LD: 30, OhioR Mile Marker 958 near Grand Chain (Pulaski Co), 14 Sep (Tim Edison et al.). **Others**: CarlL-C, 2-3 Sep (KAM, DMK); Little WabashR/WabashR confluence (White Co) (2), 14 Sep (Tim Edison:ph et al.); OhioR/WabashR confluence (Gallatin Co) (2), 14 Sep (Tim Edison:ph, v. et al.); E. Cape Girardeau (Alexander Co) (3), 28 Aug (AGn).

Caspian Tern

MC: 140, Emiquon, 21 Aug (MJW, APS); 104, LaSalleL, 21 Aug (DTW); 104, Sang, 18 Aug (HDB). **LD**: 16 Oct, Emiquon (CS).

Black Tern

MC: 80, Chau, 4 Sep (CDn); 70, Emiquon, 20 Aug (CDn); 20, Mitchie Rd. (Monroe Co) (CMc et al.); 15, Illinois R (LaSalle Co), 2 Sep (BC). **LD**: 24 Sep, CarlL-C (IOS).

Common Tern

EA: 4 Aug, Big L (Brown Co) (CDn). **MC/LD**: 6, HennepinL, 9 Oct (DH, TH).

Forster's Tern

MC: 100, RendL, 18 Sep (DDM, LWS). **LD**: 27 Nov (22), RendL (LWS, DDM); 8 Nov (3), L Decatur (Macon Co) (TAM).

PARASITIC JAEGER

EA: 19 Oct, GillsonP (GN, APS). **LD**: 3 Nov (juv), GillsonP (JIE:ph, GN, MMC).

Rock Pigeon

MC: 600, HL, 2 Oct (FRH); 590, *Cook*, 12 Nov (DFS); 300, Kankakee, 18 Oct (JBH).

Eurasian Collared-Dove

MC:17, *Cass*, 15 Oct (CAT); 16, CarlL-C, 20 Nov (DMK); 12, *Union*, 22 Oct (THy).

Great Horned Owl. 5 October 2011. Hillery, Vermilion County. Photo by Bob Schifo.

Mourning Dove

MC: 600, AmnBot, 5 Aug (DMK); 600, CarlL-C, 18 Sep (DMK); 300, GreenR, 4 Sep (DHh).

Yellow-billed Cuckoo

MC: 6, 21,27, & 28 Aug, CarlL-C (DMK,MSS); 5, KLMSNA, 27 Aug (CDn). **LD**: 30 Oct, Montrose (AAh).

Black-billed Cuckoo

EA: 11 Aug, IBSP (ASl). **MC**: only singles reported. **LD**: 21 Sep, Burnidge FP (Kane Co) (TBe).

Barn Owl

2 birds at different localities, *Edwards*, 16 Aug-9 Nov (RES); *Clinton*, 1 Nov (MSS).

Eastern Screech-Owl

MC: 4, *LaSalle*, 15 & 22 Oct (BC); 4, CarlL-C, 21 Aug (DMK).

Great Horned Owl

MC: 8, Port Louisa NWR (Mercer Co), 3 Sep (KJM, BLB); 6, *Williamson*, 26 Oct (THy).

Barred Owl. 24 September 2011. Goose Lake Township, Grundy County. Photo by Don Blecha.

Snowy Owl

EA: 19 Nov, Montrose (RDH, APS, JIE; m.ob.); 23 Nov, *Schuyler* (Tharrin Hobson fide TW), found dead 27 Nov (Curt McMurl). **MC**: 2, Montrose, various dates from 19 Nov on (m.ob.); 2, JP, 30 Nov (Markus Hoeckner). **Others**: 30 Nov into Dec, *McLean* (BM, TH).

Barred Owl

MC: 4, CarlL-C, 23 & 25 Sep (JAS & DMK resp).

Long-eared Owl

EA: 23 Oct, SBBO (SG); 6 Nov, *Woodford* (MEF).

Immature Red-headed Woodpecker. 20 September 2011. Forest Glen Preserve, Vermilion County. Photo by Bob Schifo.

Short-eared Owl

EA: 15 Oct, Evanston (Cook Co) (RPR); 17 Oct, Montrose (RDH). **MC**: 10, Ferrin (Clinton Co), 20 Nov (MSS), 23 Nov (DMK); 3, Montrose, 2 Nov (MD).

Northern Saw-whet Owl

EA: 1 Oct, SBBO (JL et al); 2 Oct, Palos (GN, JIE, JRRS, ASI); 15 Oct, *Hamilton* (LWS, LAB). **MC**: 4, SBBO, 22 Oct (SG, m.ob.); 3, CONWR, 15 Nov (LWS).

Common Nighthawk

MC: 352, Kankakee, 26 Aug (JBH); 230, Evanston (Cook Co), 3 Sep (JBs). **LD**: 12 Oct (16), Kankakee (JBH); 12 Oct, *LaSalle* (BC).

Eastern Whip-poor-will

EA: 7 Sep, NoP (NPBW). **MC**: 4, SRSF, 10 Aug (BS). **LD**: 23 Sep, L Spfld (HDB).

Chimney Swift

MC: 750, HL, 18 Sep (FRH); 730+, GreeneVal, 14 Oct (GVHW); 470, Kankakee 23 Aug (JBH). **LD**: 19 Oct (16), Elgin (Kane Co) (ESS); 16 Oct, Busey Wds (GSL).

***Chaetura* sp.**

LD: 13 Nov, Chi (DKA).

Ruby-throated Hummingbird

MC: 218, *Monroe* feeders, 14 Aug (C&PD); 100, HennepinL, 10 Sep (BS). **LD**: 23 Oct, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (KAM), 11-13 Oct, New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD).

Rufous Hummingbird

Oak Park (Cook Co) (imm ♀), 21 Nov-7 Jan, (AG, EGl, EDG, GN:ph, JG:ph, m.ob.:ph; banded 9 Dec by VMK); Sterling (Whiteside Co) (ad ♀), 12 Nov-7 Jan (Robert & Andrea Zinanni:ph, banded 13 Dec by VMK; m.ob.:ph).

Belted Kingfisher

MC: 10, *Jackson, Union* and *Alexander*, 6 Aug (LWS, DDM); 8, Kickapoo SP (Vermilion Co), 27 Aug (BD).

Red-headed Woodpecker

MC: 75, Port Louisa NWR (Mercer Co), 3 Sep (KJM, BLB); 30, *Union*, 22 Oct (THy); 10, Middle Fork River FP (Champaign Co), 7 Oct (RAM, ALM).

Rufous Hummingbird. 22 November 2011. Oak Park, Cook County. Photo by Nathan Goldberg.

Red-bellied Woodpecker

EA: 22 Oct, JP (PRC); 22 Oct, Jarvis (GAW). **MC**: 31, Port Louisa NWR (Mercer Co), 11 Sep (KJM, BLB).

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker

EA: 14 Sep, Chi (Northerly I) (JIE); 15 Sep, JP (RLS); 15 Sep, *Woodford* (TH). **MC**: 15, Chi (Columbus P), 15 Oct (EDG); 12, Carl-C, 8 Oct (DMK, TAM).

Downy Woodpecker

MC: 18, HennepinL, 25 Nov (DFS); 13, Fullersburg FP (DuPage Co), 23 Aug (DFS, NGS); 12, Middle Fork River FP (Champaign Co), 31 Oct (TH).

Hairy Woodpecker

MC: 6, Rckfd (Anna Page P), 23 Oct (DTW); 6, Bemis Woods FP (Cook Co), 20 Nov (DFS); 6, HennepinL, 25 Nov (DFS); 6, Fullersburg FP (DuPage Co), 27 Nov (DFS).

Northern Flicker

MC: 17, Chi (Calumet P), 17 Sep (JIE); 17, Salt Crk Wds FP (Cook Co), 2 Oct (DFS); 17, Kankakee, 1 Oct (JBH); 16, *Union,* 22 Oct (THy).

Pileated Woodpecker

MC: 20, Port Louisa NWR (Mercer Co), 11 Sep (KJM, BLB).

American Kestrel

MC: 15, *Monroe*, 16 Sep (C&PD); 8, ClintonL, 9 Sep (MEF); 7, IBSP, 14 Oct (IBHW).

Merlin

EA: 18 Aug (found dead), Chi (Loop) (CBCM); 25 Aug, Lost Mound NWR (Jo Daviess Co) (GN:ph, APS); 27 Aug, JP (HC et al). **MC**: 243, IBSP, 14 Oct (IBHW); 18, Skokie Lagoons FP (Cook Co), 29 Sep (JRS); 15, GreeneVal, 15 Oct (GVHW).

Peregrine Falcon

MC: 42, IBSP, 29 Sep (IBHW); 8, GreeneVal, 29 Sep (GVHW).

Monk Parakeet

MC: 43, s. Chi, 12 Nov (CWs); 25, JP, 8-30 Oct (RLS, PRC).

Olive-sided Flycatcher

EA: 15 Aug, Forreston (Ogle Co) (ASt). **MC**: 2, Bemis Woods FP (Cook Co), 22 Aug (DFS, NGS); 2, Kankakee, 21 & 25 Aug (JBH); 2, Rock Cut SP (Winnebago Co), 25 Aug (DTW); 2, IBSP, 30 Aug (EWW); 2, *Clinton*, 12 Sep (MSS). **LD**: 24 Sep, Evanston (Cook Co) (JDW); 24 Sep, JP (RLS); 24 Sep, Ewing P (Bloomington, McLean Co) (BM). **Other**: Galesburg (Knox Co) (singing ♂), 30 Aug (DJM).

Eastern Wood-Pewee

MC: 47, Port Louisa NWR (Mercer Co), 3 Sep (KJM, BLB); 30, CarlL-C, 3,4 Sep (DMK). **LD**: 24 Oct, Perry Farm (Kankakee Co) (JBH:ph).

Yellow-bellied Flycatcher

EA: 11 Aug, Chi (Grant P) (DFS), 11 Aug, Chi (Lincoln P) (JIN). **MC**: Singles only reported. **LD**: 15 Oct (found dead, ** to FMNH), Chi (Loop) (CBCM); 2 Oct, Round Lake Beach (Lake Co) (PP).

Acadian Flycatcher

LD: 29 Sep, CarlL-C (GH).

Alder Flycatcher

EA: 15 Aug, *Carroll* (DHh). **LD**: 25 Sep, Sang (HDB); 20 Sep, StarvedRock (AAh).

Willow Flycatcher

LD: 28-30 Sep, Evanston (Cook Co) (MMC).

Least Flycatcher

EA: 1 Aug, Chi (Grant P) (DFS). **MC**: 10, Chi (Lincoln P), 28 Aug (STP). **LD**: 2 Oct, Champaign (DWe); 2 Oct (4), Montrose (STP).

Empidonax sp.

MC: 12, Ewing P (Bloomington, McLean Co), 24 Sep (BM); 6, JP, 6 Sep (RLS). **LD**: 5 Oct, NoP (NPBW, AAh).

Eastern Phoebe

MC: 12, L Mauvaise Terre (Morgan Co), 18 Sep (CDn); 10, Chi (Coulmbus P), 29 Oct (EDG). **LD**: 18 Nov, Chi (Rosehill Cem) (MD).

Great Crested Flycatcher

MC: 28, Port Louisa NWR (Mercer Co), 3 Sep (KJM, BLB). **LD**: 25 Sep, WaterfallGlen (VS).

Western Kingbird

MC: 5, Chain of Rocks (Madison Co), 1 Aug (KAM). **LD**: 17 Aug, *Mason* (GN:ph, JRRS); 8 Aug (2), E. St. Louis (Madison Co) (DMK).

Eastern Kingbird

MC: 25, CarlL-C, 18 Sep (AGn); 25, *Monroe*, 24 Aug (D&MAM). **LD**: 1 Oct, DYNL (T. Murray, KCA).

Scissor-tailed Flycatcher

EA: 26 Aug, Sand L (Mason Co) (PF). **MC**: 5 (family group), AmnBot, 1 Aug (DMK:ph). **LD**: 23 & 24 Sep, Sand L (Mason Co) (AAh, PAM, JAS, JIN & KBR resp). *Mason* birds likely same bird, but apparently not seen between late Aug and late September.

Loggerhead Shrike

11 observations of a total of 14 birds at scattered localities in *Edwards, Wayne* and *Jasper*, Aug-Nov (RES); *Monroe*, 14-19 Aug (D&MAM, C&PD); *Perry*, 4 Aug (MSS); CarlL-B, 15 Oct (DMK:ph).

Northern Shrike

EA: 21 Oct, IBSP (IBHW); 22 Oct, SBBO (SG et al.); 23 Oct (present through rest of period), Spring Bluff FP (Lake Co) (BJS); 24 Oct, Middlefork Savanna FP (Lake Co) (ESS; m.ob.); 24-28 Oct, Montrose (RDH m.ob.); 24 Oct, Blackwell FP (DuPage Co) (Jason Frey). **MC**: 2 (ad, imm), IBSP, 6-12 Nov at least (IBHW). **Others**: Chi (South Pond), 28 Oct (JIN); Prairie Green FP (Kane Co), 28 Oct (LP, MN); Deer Grove East FP (Cook Co), 29 Oct (CSF); 27-30 Oct, Fermi (SFd, Elizabeth Copeland); Montrose, 4-7 Nov (MFn); Van Patten Woods FP (Lake Co), 6 Nov (JSS); BraidwoodL, 7 Nov (JBH); Loves Park (Winnebago Co), 12 Nov (DTW); GreeneVal, 19 Nov-Dec (AAh, et al.); e. *DeKalb*, 20 Nov (TBe); Oswego (Kendall Co), 20 Nov (Kurt Frieders); LRen, 25 Nov (AAh); *Jo Daviess*, 25 Nov (JAS); Hillside (Cook Co), 26 Nov (DFS); *Woodford*, 26 Nov (MJW); *Whiteside*, 28 Nov (DHh); RollinsSav, 5-26 Nov (PP, JSS).

White-eyed Vireo

MC: 6, CarlL-C, 24 Sep (DMK). **LD**: 5 Nov, Chi (Northerly I) (NLB, GAW, CLW).

Bell's Vireo

MC: 4, Sang, 6 & 21 Aug (HDB); 3, GreenR, 24 Aug (DHh); 3, Midewin, 14 Aug (JAS). **LD**: 17 Sep, Kankakee (JBH); 29 Sep, *Clinton* (GH).

Yellow-throated Vireo

MC: 6, Sang, 10 Sep (HDB); 4, Bemis Woods FP (Cook Co), 10 Sep (DFS); 4, Nygren Wetlands (Winnebago Co), 1 Sep (ATB). **LD**: 14 Oct, DYNL (SFd).

Blue-headed Vireo

EA: 27 Aug, *Whiteside* (DHh). **MC**: 2, Bemis Woods FP (Cook Co), 9 Oct (DFS); 2, JP, 24 Sep (RLS). **LD**: 31 Oct, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (GH); 31 Oct, *Wayne* (MSS, CLH).

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher.
12 November 2011. Homer Lake Forest Preserve, Champaign County.
Photo by Greg Lambeth.

Warbling Vireo
MC: 60, Port Louisa NWR (Mercer Co), 3 Sep (KJM, BLB). **LD**: 4 Oct, *Kendall* (AAh).

Philadelphia Vireo
EA: 25 Aug, Ewing P (Bloomington, McLean Co) (BM); 26 Aug, Jarvis (JIE). **MC**: 5, Bemis Woods FP (Cook Co), 25 Sep (DFS); 4, Sang, 15 & 25 Sep (HDB). **LD**: 13 Oct, Evanston (Cook Co) (MMC).

Red-eyed Vireo
MC: 30, CarlL-C, 10-11 Sep (DMK). **LD**: 30 Oct, se. *Will* (SZ).

Blue Jay
MC: 300, CarlL-C, 10 Oct (DMK); 86, Sandy Crk (Marshall Co), 24 Sep (DFS).

American Crow
MC: 408, JP, 16 Nov (PRC); 220, Kankakee, 22 Nov (JBH).

Fish Crow
MC: 18, *Randolph*, 23 Aug (GH); 12, *Monroe*, 13 Aug (CAT, TLK); 8, Hamburg (Calhoun Co), 9 Oct (EWW). **LD**: 3 Nov (3), CONWR (THy).

Horned Lark
MC: 200, CarlL-C, 26 Nov (DMK); 186, *Monroe*, 4 Sep (C&PD); 80, Momence Sod Farm (Kankakee Co), 3 Sep (JAS).

Purple Martin
MC: 560, Sang, 16 Aug (HDB); 550+, Spunky Bottoms Pr (Brown Co), 13 Aug (KAM). **LD**: 27 Sep (8), *Kane* (PW).

Tree Swallow
MC: 10,000, CarlL-C, 2 Oct (DMK).

Northern Rough-winged Swallow
MC: 1000, *Cass*, 30 Jul (CDn); 390, Kankakee, 1 Oct (JBH). **LD**: 12-24 Dec, Kankakee (DFS; JBH:ph).

Bank Swallow
MC: 800, AmnBot, 1 Aug (DMK). **LD**: 10 Oct, CarlL-C (DMK); 22 Sep, Sang (HDB).

Cliff Swallow
MC/LD: 600, CarlL-C, 18 Sep (DMK, MFD).

CAVE SWALLOW
CarlL-C, 18 Sep (DMK:ph, MFD).

Barn Swallow
MC: 1500, Chau, 17 Sep (MLPR). **LD**: 14 Oct (3), Wauk (JSS).

Carolina Chickadee
MC: 40, CarlL-C, 4 Sep (DMK); 20, KLMSNA, 27 Aug (CDn).

Winter Wren. 24 October 2011. North Pond, Chicago, Cook County. Photo by Jackie Bowman.

Black-capped Chickadee
EA: 5 Nov, IBSP (EWW). **MC**: 45, Elsen's Hill FP (DuPage Co), 13 Sep (AAh); 44, HennepinL, 25 Nov (DFS); 35, L Mauvaise Terre (Morgan Co), 24 Aug (CDn).

Tufted Titmouse
MC: 20, CarlL-C, 4, 17 Sep (DMK); 20, Heron Pond (Johnson Co), 22 Oct (JW); 20, Sang, 10 Sep (HDB). **Others**: Chi (Lincoln P), 8 Oct (GAW); Chi (Columbus P), 9 Oct (EGl, AG, EDG, COS).

Red-breasted Nuthatch
EA: 13 Aug, Downer's Grove (DuPage Co) (REF, KDF); 14 Aug, MArb (MN). **MC**: 6, White Pines SP (Ogle Co), 11 Oct (DHh); 4, MArb, 26 Nov (JAS, DBC); 3, Lyons Woods FP (Lake Co), 5 Sep (EWW). Poor migration.

White-breasted Nuthatch
MC: 13, HennepinL, 25 Nov (DFS); 12, Rckfd (Anna Page P), 23 Oct (DTW); 11, Sang, 10 Sep (HDB).

Brown Creeper
EA: 9 Aug, JP (AAh); 15 Sep, JP (RLS). **MC**: 31 (found dead), Chi (Loop), 18 Oct (CBCM) also total of 82 window casualties in Loop 1-4 Oct (CBCM) and 223 for season; 21, Rckfd (Klehm Arb), date? (ESS, PAM); 21, Mississippi Palisades SP (Carroll Co), 24 Oct (KJM); 16, NoP, 9 Oct (NPBW).

House Wren
MC: 13, Sang, 17 Sep (HDB); 11, HennepinL, 12 Aug (DFS); 10, Ewing P (Bloomington, McLean Co), 25 Aug (BM); 10, CarlL-C, various dates 6 Aug-24 Sep (DMK). **LD**: 27 Nov, CarlL-C (MSS).

Winter Wren
EA: 23 Sep, Spfld (Carpenter P) (HDB); 24 Sep, Chi (Lincoln P) (GAW). **MC**: 12, JP, 23 Oct (PRC).

Sedge Wren
MC: 12, Kankakee, 4 Aug (JBH). **LD**: 1 Nov, Oakhurst FP (Kane Co) (AAh); 23 Oct (2), Kankakee (JBH).

Marsh Wren
MC: 12, RollinsSav, 24 Sep (RDH); 4, Chi (Northerly I), 22 Sep (JIE). **LD**: 24 Oct, Minonk (Woodford Co) (TH).

Female Mountain Bluebird. 13 November 2011. Illinois Beach State Park, Lake County. Photo by Karen Lund.

Carolina Wren

MC: 10, L Mauvaise Terre (Morgan Co), 18 Sep (CDn); 10, CarlL-C, 10 Sep (DMK).

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

MC: 20, CarlL-C, 14 Aug, 4 Sep (DMK). **LD**: 12 Nov, Homer L FP (Champaign Co) (GSL:ph).

Golden-crowned Kinglet

EA: 28 Sep, Sang (HDB); 29 Sep, Montrose (RDH). **MC**: 34, JP, 19 Oct (PRC); 33, Wauk, 16 Oct (ASl).

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

EA: 8 Sep, Chi (Grant P) (JlE); 11 Sep, BuseyWds (GSL). **MC**:40, CarlL-C, 9 Oct (DMK); 29, Chi (Lincoln P), 22 Oct (GAW).

Eastern Bluebird

MC: 46, lBSP, 14 Oct (EWW); 35, Lake-of-the-Woods FP (Champaign Co), 9 Oct (CMc); 30, CarlL-C, 11 Nov (DMK).

MOUNTAIN BLUEBIRD

lBSP (ad ♀), 9-14 Nov (Janice Sweet:ph, m.ob.:ph); lBSP (imm ♂), 15 Nov (PWS:ph; m.ob.).

TOWNSEND'S SOLITAIRE

Montrose, 16 Nov (JlE:ph, MFn:ph, et al.).

Veery

EA: 25 Aug, Spfld (Carpenter P) (HDB). **MC**: 7 (found dead), Chi (Loop) (CBCM). **LD**: 30 Sep, CBG (GS).

Gray-cheeked Thrush

EA: 25 Aug (found dead), Chi Loop (CBCM); 27 Aug, CBG (ABA). **MC**: 5 (pre-dawn), Westchester (Cook Co), 10 Sep (DFS). **LD**: 19 Oct, NoP (NPBW).

Swainson's Thrush

EA: 22 Aug, Spfld (Carpenter P) (HDB); 26 Aug, Jarvis (JlE). **MC**: 268 (pre-dawn), Kankakee, 13 Sep (JBH); 200 (pre-dawn), CarlL-C, 10 Sep (DMK); 186 (pre-dawn), Westchester (Cook Co), 10 Sep (DFS); 53, JP, 4 Sep (HC). **LD**: 29 Oct, MArb (MN); 23 Oct, Palos (GAW); 15 Oct, JP (PAD).

Hermit Thrush

EA: 27 Aug, Kankakee (JBH). **MC**: 47, Chi (Lincoln P), 22 Oct (GAW); 42, JP, 19 Oct (PRC); 40, BuseyWds, 15 Oct (MML).

Northern Mockingbird eating viburnum berry. 29 October 2011. Lincoln Park, Chicago, Cook County. Photo by Josh Engel.

Wood Thrush

MC: 3, BuseyWds, 24 Sep (MML); 2, Kankakee, 13 Sep (JBH); 2, Chi (Humboldt P), 13 Sep (SBB); 2, CarlL-C, 17 Sep (DMK). **LD**: 19 Oct, JP (PRC).

American Robin

MC: 1500, Rock Cut SP (Winnebago Co), 13 Oct (LGB); 637, Westchester (Cook Co), 7 Nov (DFS).

Gray Catbird

MC: 31, JP, 24 Sep (RLS). **LD**: 4 Nov, Chi (Grant P) (DFS).

Northern Mockingbird

MC: 5, *Jackson*, 26 Oct (THy); 3, CarlL-C, 14 Aug (DMK); 3, *Monroe*, 1 Oct (C&PD).

SAGE THRASHER

Montrose, 29 Oct-20 Nov (RC:ph, m.ob.:ph).

Brown Thrasher

MC:7, JP, 24 Sep (RLS); 6, Sang, 7 & 9 Sep (HDB).

European Starling

MC: 4000, CarlL-C, 11 Sep (DMK).

American Pipit

MC: 91, ClintonL, 5 Nov (CAT).

Smith's Longspur. 21 September 2011. Loyola Beach, Chicago. Photo by Josh Engel.

Cedar Waxwing

MC: 250, Evans-Judge Forest (Will Co), 20 Oct (SZ); 192, Bemis Woods FP (Cook Co), 16 Oct (DFS); 155, Kankakee, 23 Oct (JBH); 150, CarlL-C, 8 Oct (DMK, TAM).

Lapland Longspur

EA: 24 Sep, Montrose (GAW, CLW). **MC**: 1200, CarlL-C, 20 Nov (DMK).

Smith's Longspur

EA: 20-21 Sep (2), Chi (Loyola Beach) (SGS:ph; JIE:ph, m. ob.). **LD**: 28 Nov (2), GreeneVal (GVHW).

Snow Bunting

EA: 20 Oct, Chi (Loyola Beach) (SGS:ph). **MC**: 80, Chi (Loyola Beach), 20 Nov (SGS:ph); 50, Rckfd Apt, 6 Nov (DTW).

Ovenbird

EA: 20 Aug, SBBO (SG). **MC**: 8, CarlL-C, 10 Sep (DMK); 8, Sang, 10 Sep (HDB). **LD**: 9 Dec, Chi (Grant P, in Soldier Field parking lot) (JBs; JIE:ph, DFS, JDW).

Worm-eating Warbler

LD: 18 Aug, O'Fallon (St. Clair Co) (GH).

Louisiana Waterthrush

LD: 29 Aug, *Woodford* (TH); 4 Aug, StarvedRock (AAh).

Northern Waterthrush

EA: 27 Jul, JP (PRC). **MC**: 12, Chi (Columbus P), 26 Aug (EDG). **LD**: 28 Oct, Moraine Hills SP (McHenry Co) (MC).

Golden-winged Warbler

EA: 21 Aug, Bemis Woods FP (Cook Co) (DFS, NGS); 22 Aug, Spfld (Carpenter P) (HDB). **MC**: 10, BuseyWds, 10 Sep (GSL); 8, CarlL-C, 10-11 Sep (DMK); 5, Sang, 15 Sep (HDB). **LD**: 1 Oct, Bemis Woods FP (Cook Co) (DFS).

Blue-winged Warbler

EA: 24 Aug, Spfld (Riverside P) (HDB); 26 Aug, Jarvis (JIE). **MC**: 4, CarlL-C, 10 & 11 Sep (DMK). **LD**: 25 Sep, CarlL-C (KAM, lOS); 20 Sep, JP (RLS).

Black-and-white Warbler

EA: 4 Aug, Chi (Lincoln P) (JIN). **MC**: 14, BuseyWds, 10 Sep (GSL); 12, CarlL-C, 10 & 17 & 23 Sep (DMK). **LD**: 15 Oct, MArb (GD).

Prothonotary Warbler

MC: 6. Port Louisa NWR (Mercer Co), 3 Sep (KJM, BLB). **LD**: 24 Sep, CarlL-C (KAM); 18 Sep, Lacon (Marshall Co) (JIE, GN, KKM, JRRS). **Others**: Chi (Loop) (found dead), 3 Aug (CBCM); 20 Aug, LaSalleL (DH, TH, DJS).

Tennessee Warbler

EA: 11 Aug, Westchester (Cook Co) (DFS); 11 Aug, Montrose (JIE). **MC**: 300, CarlL-C, 17 Sep (DMK); 61, Fullersburg FP (DuPage Co), 13 Sep (DFS). **LD**: 27 Oct, Decatur (Macon Co) (TAM); 26 Oct, Chi (Grant P) (DFS); 24 Oct, Perry Farm (Kankakee Co) (JBH).

Orange-crowned Warbler

MC: 8, Chi (Lincoln P), 22 Oct (GAW). **LD**: 24 Nov, CarlL-C (DMK).

Nashville Warbler

EA: 25 Aug, Spfld (Riverside P) (HDB); 26 Aug, Elsen's Hill FP (DuPage Co) (MRB et al.). **MC**: 120, The Grove, (Glenview, Cook Co), 24 Sep (JPL). **LD**: 13 Nov, Shorewood (Will Co) (Jim Levenson); 4 Nov, Montrose (CAM); 30 Oct, Champaign (GSL).

Connecticut Warbler

EA: 27 Aug (found dead), Oak Park (*Cook*) (CBCM); 5 Sep, LaBagh Woods FP (Cook Co) (KKM); 5 Sep, Chi (Grant P) (DEW). **MC**: 2, Bull Crk (Lake Co), 15 Sep (NM). **LD**: 15 Oct (found dead), Chi (CBCM); 4 Oct, Chi (Grant P) (DFS).

Mourning Warbler

EA: 21 Aug, SBBO (SG); 25 Aug, Sang (HDB); 27 Aug, Montrose (GAW). **MC**: 3, SBBO, 21 Aug (SG). **LD**: 5 Oct, NoP (NPBW).

Kentucky Warbler

LD: 5 Oct, s. *Franklin* (LWS). **Others**: CarlL-C, 10 Sep (CMe, JM); SangchrisL SP (Sangamon Co), 30 Aug (HDB).

Common Yellowthroat

MC: 15, Sang, 17 Sep (HDB); 14, Chi (Northerly I), 22 Sep (JIE); 10, CarlL-C, 10 Sep (DMK). **LD**: 2 Nov, Carbondale (Jakson Co) (THy).

Hooded Warbler

EA: 25 Aug, SBBO (SG). **LD**: 16 Sep, *Jersey* (MSS).

American Redstart

EA: 21 Aug, Bemis Woods FP (Cook Co) (DFS, NGS). **MC**: 400, CarlL-C, 10 Sep (DMK). **LD**: 26 Oct, Fort Sheridan FP (Lake Co) (AC); 22 Oct, Montrose (GAW).

Cape May Warbler

EA: 22 Aug, NoP (JIN). **MC**: 15, NoP, 4 Sep (SJH). **LD**: 13 Oct (5), Chi (Grant P) (DFS).

Cerulean Warbler

EA: 17 Aug, Sang (HDB).

Northern Parula

EA: 14 Aug, Shabbona L SP (DeKalb Co) (DJS). **MC**: 10, CarlL-C, 4 dates, 10-24 Sep (DMK). **LD**: 9 Oct (2), CarlL-C (DMK); 8 Oct, Chau (MJW).

Snow Bunting. 15 November 2011. Northerly Island, Cook County. Photo by Josh Engel.

Female Black-throated Blue Warbler. 23 September 2011. Northerly Island, Cook County. Photo by Josh Engel.

Magnolia Warbler
EA: 18 Aug, Deerfield (Lake Co) (BDn); 22 Aug (found dead), Chi (Loop) (CBCM); 24 Aug, Montrose (SBB). **MC**: 300, CarlL-C, 10 Sep (DMK). **LD**: 26 Oct, Fort Sheridan FP (Lake Co) (AC); 17 Oct Montrose (CBT).

Bay-breasted Warbler
EA: 26 Aug, Jarvis (JIE). **MC**: 15, BuseyWds, 11 Sep (GSL, et al.). **LD**: 30 Oct, Montrose (JIE, m.ob.).

Blackburnian Warbler
EA: 15 Aug, Sang (HDB). **MC**: 10, CarlL-C, 10 Sep (DMK). **LD**: 11 Oct, Hoover FP (Kendall Co) (AAh).

Yellow Warbler
EA: 4 Aug, Chi (Grant P) (DFS); 9 Aug, Sang (HDB). **LD**: 3 Oct (found dead), Oak Brook (Cook Co) (N. Scarpintini); 3 Oct, CarlL (KAM).

Chestnut-sided Warbler
EA: 21 Aug, SBBO (SG); 22 Aug, Spfld (Carpenter P) (HDB). **MC**: 22, Sang, 15 Sep (HDB); 20, CarlL-C, 10,17 Sep (DMK); 15, BuseyWds, 11 Sep (GSL). **LD**: 10 Oct, CarlL-C (DMK).

Blackpoll Warbler
EA: 24 Aug, Montrose (SBB). **MC**: 62, Chi (Columbus P), 9 Sep (EGl, AG); 33, NoP, 28 Sep (NPBW). **LD**: 9 Oct, Chi (Columbus P) (EGl, AG, EDG, COS); 9 Oct, Lyman Woods FP (Dupage Co) (DBC).

Black-throated Blue Warbler
EA: 28 Aug, Montrose (EGl, AG, EDG). **MC**: 2, various dates at several sites in NE Illinois between 29 Aug, Bemis Woods FP (Cook Co) (LP) and 9 Oct, Wheaton (DuPage Co) (LC) (m.ob.). **LD**: 29 Oct, Chi (Lincoln P) (MSw).

Palm Warbler
EA: 31 Aug, Montrose (DFS, MSw); 31 Aug, Chi (Grant P) (DEW); 31 Aug, GreeneVal (SFd). **MC**: 86, Chi (Northerly I), 22 Sep (JIE); 60, Springbrook Prairie FP (DuPage Co), 30 Sep (AAh); 53, Chi (Rainbow Beach), 28 Sep (DFS). **LD**: 2 Dec, Chi (Northerly I) (NLB).

Pine Warbler
EA: 13 Aug, Montrose (JIE). **MC**: 4, CONWR, 12 Oct (LWS). **LD**: 4 Nov, Van Patten Woods FP (Lake Co) (JOS, JWL).

LeConte's Sparrow. 17 October 2011. Goose Lake Prairie State Natural Area, Grundy County. Photo by Don Blecha.

Yellow-rumped Warbler
EA: 24 Aug, JP (HC et al). **MC**: 400, CarlL-C, 9 Oct (DMK).

Yellow-throated Warbler
LD: 12 Oct, CONWR (LWS).

Prairie Warbler
EA: 5 Sep, Montrose (SBB, GAW, CLW). **LD**: 9 Oct, IBSP (BJS).

Black-throated Green Warbler
EA: 11 Aug, Chi (Grant P) (JIE); 14 Aug, Sang (HDB). **MC**: 40, CarlL-C, 9 Oct (DMK). **LD**: 30 Oct, ClintonL (MEF).

Canada Warbler
EA: 18 Aug, Morris (Grundy Co) (JD); 19 Aug, Spfld (Carpenter P) (HDB). **LD**: 30 Sep, CBG (Greg Schechter).

Wilson's Warbler
EA: 24 Aug, Montrose (SBB). **MC**: 12, NoP, 4 Sep (SJH). **LD**: 15 Oct, *Gallatin* (MSS).

Yellow-breasted Chat
MC: 2, Sang, 26 Aug (HDB). **LD**: 3 Nov (found dead), Warrenville (DuPage Co) (CBCM); 28 Sep, Sang (HDB); 20 Sep, JP (RLS); 17 Sep, BraidwoodL (JBH).

GREEN-TAILED TOWHEE
JP, 1 Oct (RLS; GN:ph; NG:ph, m.ob.).

Spotted Towhee
LRen, 5 Nov (DFS).

Eastern Towhee
MC: 8, CarlL-C, 10 Sep (DMK); 6, Sang, 8 Aug (HDB).

American Tree Sparrow
EA: 1 Oct, McHenry Dam (McHenry Co) (KML). **MC**: 150, Pratt's Wayne Wds FP (DuPage Co), 13 Nov (JCa); 137, HennepinL, 25 Nov (DFS).

Chipping Sparrow
MC: 138, Sang, 16 Sep (HDB). **LD**: 27 Nov, New Athens (St. Clair Co) (TJD).

Nelson's Sparrow. 3 October 2011. Prairie Green Forest Preserve, Kane County. Photo by Don Blecha.

Clay-colored Sparrow
EA: 22 Aug, Chi (Grant P) (JIE); 25 Aug, GreenR (GN:ph, APS). **MC**: 2, NoP, 10 Sep (GAW). **LD**: 30 Oct, Wilmington (Will Co) (SZ); 29 Oct, Montrose (JIE); 26 Oct, NoP (NPBW).

BREWER'S SPARROW
Chi (Northerly I), 12 Nov (JIE:ph, RLS; AAA:ph, Jerry Goldner:ph m.ob.).

Field Sparrow
MC: 12, Springbrook Prairie FP (DuPage Co), 30 Sep (AAh); 8, HerrickL, 17 Sep (DFS).

Vesper Sparrow
MC: 20+, *Jo Daviess & Carroll*, 18 Sep (DBJ, ASt et al.). **LD**: 8 Nov, CONWR (THy).

Lark Sparrow
EA: 22 Aug, Chi (Lincoln P) (JIN). **LD**: 23 Oct, Chi (Northerly I) (KKM).

LARK BUNTING
Montrose, 31 Aug-3 Sep (ABB, JIE:ph; m.ob.:ph); [s. *Franklin*, 8 Sep.]

Savannah Sparrow
MC: 100+, *Jackson* (LWS, DDM); 45, RollinsSav, 18 Oct (ASl).

Grasshopper Sparrow
EA: NoP, 5 Sep (GAW, CLW). **MC**: 6, *Jo Daviess & Carroll*, 18 Sep (DBJ, ASt et al.); 5, Momemce sod farm (Kankakee Co), 17 Aug (JBH). **LD**: 16 Nov, NoP (GAW, WB:ph, NPBW); 14 Nov, Chi (Northerly I) (JIE).

Henslow's Sparrow
MC: 4, Kankakee, 4 Aug (JBH). **LD**: 25 Nov, Springbrook Prairie FP (DuPage Co) (JLS); 24 Oct, Chi (Northerly I) (JIE); 21 Oct, Kankakee (JBH).

Le Conte's Sparrow
EA: 10 Sep, Montrose (CBT, WSS). **MC**: 6, ClintonL, 23 Oct (MML); 4, s. *Franklin*, 31 Oct (LWS).

Nelson's Sparrow
EA: 3 Sep, Montrose (DRD). **MC**: 14, Prairie Green FP (Kane Co), 6 Oct (SFd); 7, RollinsSav, 24 Sep (RDH). **LD**: 20 Oct (2), *Coles* Apt (JSr).

Fox Sparrow
EA: 1 Oct, JP (GAW, CLW). **MC**: 25, Swine Ponds (Champaign Co), 30 Oct (GSL).

Song Sparrow
EA: 29 Aug (found dead), Chi (Loop) (CBCM).

Lincoln's Sparrow
EA: 31 Aug, Montrose (JIE). **MC**: 30, Chi (Northerly I), 9 Sep (NLB). **LD**: 27 Nov, KLMSNA (C&PD).

Swamp Sparrow
MC: 38, Chi (Northerly I), 18 Oct (JIE); 35, RollinsSav, 8 Oct (MMC).

White-throated Sparrow
EA: 5 Sep, Lyons Woods FP (Lake Co) (EWW). **MC**: 173, Chi (Lincoln P), 22 Oct (GAW).

Harris's Sparrow
EA: 15 Oct, Montrose (MD, et al.); 29-30 Oct (imm), Swine Ponds (Champaign Co) (GSL). **LD**: 20 Nov, BraidwoodL (JBH). **Others**: Chi (Northerly I), 18-19 Oct (JIE et al.); Chi (Lincoln P), 21 Oct (JIN).

White-crowned Sparrow
MC: 125, Swine Ponds (Champaign Co), 30 Oct (GSL); 103, HennepinL, 17 Oct (DFS).

Dark-eyed Junco
MC: 297, JP, 19 Oct (PRC).

Summer Tanager
MC: 2, Sangamon, 18 Aug & 12 Sep (HDB); 2, CarlL-C, various dates 11 Sep - 10 Oct (DMK). **LD**: 10 Oct (2), CarlL-C (DMK); 10 Oct, *Monroe* (C&PD); 9 Oct, Kankakee (JBH).

Scarlet Tanager
MC: 10, Spring Valley NC (Schaumburg, Cook Co), 20 Sep (SAC); 6, CarlL-C, 1 Oct (DMK); 5, Sang, 15 Aug (HDB); 4, BuseyWds, 2 Oct (GSL); 3, Chi (Columbus P), 9 Oct (EDG, EGl, AG, COS). **LD**: 16 Oct, BuseyWds (GSL); 14 Oct, Moraine Hills SP (McHenry Co) (Otto Ryba).

Northern Cardinal
MC: 40, CarlL-C, various dates 4 Sep - 24 Nov (DMK); 32, JP, 20 Nov (PRC); 28, Sandy Crk (Marshall Co), 24 Sep (DFS).

Rose-breasted Grosbeak
MC: 31, Ewing Park (Bloomington, McLean Co), 1 Oct (BM). **LD**: 3 Nov, Chi (Debra Koss).

Blue Grosbeak
MC: 4, Sang, 30 Aug (HDB); 3, GreenR, 25 Aug (GN, APS). **LD**: 29 Sep, *Clinton* (MSS); 27 Sep, Sang (HDB); 23 Sep, ClintonL (MEF); 21 Sep, *Madison* (KAM).

Indigo Bunting
MC: 71, Port Louisa NWR (Mercer Co), 3 Sep (KJM, BLB); 43, HennepinL, 12 Aug (DFS). **LD**: 7 Nov, Carbondale (Jackson Co) (THy).

Dickcissel
MC: 200, TwoRivers, 4 Aug (DMK). **LD**: 23 Oct, ClintonL (MML); 22 Oct, *Jackson* (LWS, DDM); 15 Oct, Hoover FP (Kendall Co) (EWW).

Bobolink

MC: 35, Sang, 11 Sep (HDB); 30, SFPK, 28 Aug (SAC); 25+, Emiquon, 21 Aug (EWW). **LD**: 21 Oct, *Lawrence* (MSS).

Red-winged Blackbird

MC: 10,000, BraidwoodL, 20 Nov (JBH); 9000+, Tonica (LaSalle Co) (EWW).

Eastern Meadowlark

MC: 70, Pyramid L SP (Perry Co), 12 Nov (LWS, DDM).

Western Meadowlark

MC: 8, Lost Mound NWR (Jo Daviess Co), 12 Nov (EWW). **LD**: 14 Nov, Montrose, (SBB); 11 Nov, CarlL-C (DMK).

Yellow-headed Blackbird

No reports received

Rusty Blackbird

EA: 23 Sep, Fullersburg FP (DuPage Co) (LP); 1 Oct, Montrose (JIE, NG). **MC**: 40, McGinnisSl, 27 Oct (MD); 30, Champaign, 30 Oct (DWy); 22, Fox R (Kane Co), 10 Nov (SAC); 21, JP, 1 Oct (GAW).

Brewer's Blackbird

MC: 30, Dunham Rd sod farm (McHenry Co), 29 Aug (SDB); 25, Birch Rd sod farm (DeKalb Co), 29 Aug (SDB); 12, CarlL-C, 19 Nov (DMK).

Common Grackle

MC: 34,000, Oglesby (LaSalle Co), 10 Nov (DFS).

Red Crossbill. 30 October 2011. Van Patten Woods Forest Preserve, Lake County. Photo by Nathan Goldberg.

Brown-headed Cowbird

MC: 4750, Annawan (Henry Co), 15 Oct (EWW); 600, CarlL-C, 15 Oct (DMK).

Orchard Oriole

LD: 7 Oct, IBSP (JRRS).

Baltimore Oriole

MC: 10, CarlL-C, 27 Aug (DMK). **LD**: 24 Oct, Walnut Point SFWA (Douglas Co) (MAM, APS, MSS); 18 Oct, Chi (Lincoln P) (JIN).

Purple Finch

EA: 5 Sep, Lyons Woods FP (Lake Co) (EWW); 9 Sep, Chi (Northerly I) (NLB); 10 Sep, Montrose (JIE); 16 Sep, Fullersberg FP (LP, CWz). **MC**: 48, Salt Crk Wds NP (Cook Co), 6 Nov (DFS).

House Finch

MC: 50, PeacockM, 20 Aug (JAS); 35, Sang, 14 Sep (HDB).

Red Crossbill

EA: 29-30 Oct (3-5), Van Patten Wds FP (Lake Co) (BJS; KAM, APS, RE, JSS m.ob.). **Others**: WaterfallGlen, 7 Nov, (Jason Frey).

White-winged Crossbill

EA: 5 Nov, MArb (JDC). **MC**: 3, Reed-Turner Woodland (Lake Co), 7 Nov (ABA).

Common Redpoll

EA: 29 Oct, Montrose (JIE:ph; m.ob.). **MC**: 3, Montrose, 30 Oct (NG, GN, JRRS, m. ob.); 2, Van Patten Woods FP (Lake Co) 30 Oct (JSS); 2, JP, 7 Nov (PRC).

Pine Siskin

EA: 2 Oct, Chi (Columbus P) (EDG, AG). **MC**: 125, CBG, 20 Nov (SDB); 95, Downer's Grove (DuPage Co), 29 Nov (REF, KDF); 90, Chi (Irving Park Cem), 11 Nov (ABA); 83, Chi (Lincoln P), 22 Oct (GAW); 70, Wauk, 29 Oct (BJS); 60, ClintonL, 19 Nov (GSL).

American Goldfinch

MC: 535, IBSP, 14 Oct (EWW); 400, CarlL-C, 15 Oct (DMK); 350, RollinsSav, 18 Oct (JRRS).

Evening Grosbeak

Spring Valley NC (Cook Co), 15 Nov (SAC).

House Sparrow

MC: 75, Chi (Grant P), 25 Aug (DFS); 75, Kankakee, 19 Oct (JBH).

Eurasian Tree Sparrow

MC: 145, Emiquon, 17 Aug (JRRS). **Others**: *Monroe* (2), 28 Aug (KAM); *Warren* (10), 26 Nov (OH). Many reports from middle Illinois River valley (*Tazewell* to *Mason* and *Fulton*, m.ob.). Few reports from elsewhere.

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